

Condition of President Harding Improved After Restful Night; Making Hard Fight for His Life

ATTENDING DOCTORS ARE MORE HOPEFUL

Bulletin From Physicians Stated That He Had Best Night Since He Became Ill on Boat.

TOOK NOURISHMENT THIS MORNING

Read Newspapers and Apparently Was Very Much Better After a Night of Good Sleep.

Presidential headquarters, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, July 31 (By the Associated Press).—President Harding passed the "best night" comparatively since he has been ill. Brigadier General Sawyer, his personal physician, said in a statement at 8 a. m. "The President has had the best night comparatively that he has had since his illness," said Brigadier General Sawyer. "That augurs well. The conditions seem to warrant the statement that apparently he has gotten into clear sailing."

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BUSINESS IN JUNE AS GOOD AS IN JUNE 1922

Seasonal Decline During Month in All Lines Were Expected by Business Men.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., July 31.—June witnessed the normal slackening in trade, but on the whole the developments of the month were not unfavorable, according to the regular monthly review of the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank made public here today. Missummer is usually dull in business circles in comparison with the preceding spring months, it was stated.

"June trade was not more below that of May than is normal at this season," the review continued. "In comparison with June of last year, the current month this year shows up well in practically every industry for which information is available.

"Reviewing briefly the important factors entering into an analysis of current conditions, reports made weekly by member banks to the Reserve Bank show comparatively few changes during the past month. Some increase is noticed in outstanding loans to customers, and borrowings at the Reserve Bank are slightly higher than they were last month, but on the other hand the member banks' investments have risen, and demand deposits have increased. In comparison with June 1922, the condition of the reporting banks is much improved this year.

"Savings bank deposits increased more in June than in any other June in recent years.

"A moderate increase in loans to members was made by the Federal Reserve Bank during June and early July.

"Debits to individual accounts were considerably greater during the four weeks ending July 11 than during the preceding four weeks, the increase being largely seasonal, but the increase this year was 13.2 per cent. over debits in the same cities during the corresponding four weeks of 1922.

"Business failures in the Fifth District were 3.6 per cent. fewer in number in June than in June last year, but liabilities were greater this year.

"Employers have been able to secure labor to meet their pressing needs, except in some seasonal sections where there is no need for any able bodied person being unemployed. Textile mills continue to find difficulty in securing forward orders, but there have been very few cancellations of orders previously placed, and the Fifth District mills have, and still continue, running full time on orders received in the spring. Meanwhile the textile authorities believe that the present recession is temporary, and are not worried over prospects.

"The growing cotton crop made considerable improvement during the last few days of June and early July, due to more favorable weather for development, and the prospects in Virginia and North Carolina are far better than the national average.

"The outlook for this year's tobacco crop is disappointing due to lack of moisture, but the fields are clean and well cultivated, and it is quite possible that a fair crop may be made if good seasons occur during the balance of the year.

"The South Carolina crop is being harvested, and promises a fair yield. Other crops are spotted, being excellent in localities where sufficient rain has fallen but poor in other sections.

"On the whole the average of all crops is perhaps a little below normal.

"Blindling operations have slowed down considerably from the record volume reported during the first four months of the year, but most of the curtailment has been in the erection of business buildings, residence construction continuing in large volume.

"Retail trade as reflected in department store sales was 14.7 per cent. greater in June this year than last, and was 6.5 per cent. greater than the June average in 1920, 1921 and 1922.

"Wholesale trade was reported as good as the season justified, and exceeded the volume of business reported in June 1922 in every line reported upon. Combined figures for the first half of 1923 show greatly increased sales in all wholesale lines over sales during the first half of 1922, the increases ranging from 13.7 per cent. for groceries to 76.7 per cent. for furniture. Collections showed a tendency during June to slow up somewhat, but the slowness was not particularly noticeable and is seasonal."

\$44,008,005.70 on Baptist Fund. (By the Associated Press.) Nashville, Tenn., July 31.—A total of \$44,008,005.70 in cash has been paid in on the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, up to 1, 1923, by revised figures announced here. This leaves approximately \$31,000,000 to be raised by December, 1924.

At a recent convention of the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, the conservation commission of the campaign was asked to push all interest of the forward movement with vigor in order that the full sum may be realized from the movement, as all seven of the educational, benevolent and missionary causes fostered by the campaign stand urgently in need of their full allotment.

A special effort adopted by the Conservation Commission was an intensive campaign looking to the setting up of a budget plan of systematic and proportional giving in all of the churches of the Southern Baptist convention.

At the time of the Armistice 100,000 Belgian houses had been destroyed or rendered uninhabitable. Of these, 71,383 have now been rebuilt or restored and made serviceable.

PRESIDENT CALMLY FIGHTING DISEASE

Arrayed Against Him Are Pneumonia and Danger of Other Complications That May Arise Hourly.

CALMNESS IS IN HIS FAVOR

Five Physicians Remained Within Reach of His Room at a Minute's Notice During the Entire Night.

Presidential Headquarters, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, July 31 (By the Associated Press).—President Harding, characteristically calm and determined, is fighting the greatest battle of his career—a struggle in which his life is at stake. Arrayed against him are broncho-pneumonia, symptoms of which were discovered by attending physicians last night and also the danger of other complications. Arrayed in his favor are his calm determination, a subsidence of the earlier abdominal trouble, and the hopes and prayers of a nation. His handicap is an admitted weakened resistance.

None of the five attending physicians will predict the outcome, although all are optimistic.

The 9:15 o'clock bulletin issued last night after the consultation of five physicians attending the President, contained the first announcement that broncho-pneumonia had developed in the right lung, although the statement given out four hours earlier had spoken of "evidence of congestion in the lung." It also conveyed the first authoritative information that his condition has turned from "serious" to "grave." The bulletin also contained rays of hope for it said "nourishment is being taken regularly and the symptoms are less noticeable," and that the Chief Executive was "temporarily well adapted to make a strong fight against the infection." Another favorable statement was that his temperature was remaining about constant at 101 degrees, even though his pulse continued at about 125 as compared with his normal of 80, and his respiration of 44.

The broncho-pneumonia symptoms described in the bulletin as "definite central patches" were discovered both clinically and by the X-ray which was used yesterday afternoon and continued to be used during the night. All the physicians who have been called in spent the night within easy reach of the bedside and Brigadier General Chas. E. Sawyer, his personal physician, and Lieut. Commander Boone, assistant to Dr. Sawyer, were in the sick room all the time.

Physicians Encouraged. Presidential Headquarters, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, July 31 (By the Associated Press).—President Harding, who fell asleep shortly after midnight last night had a night which was regarded as encouraging. He had obtained more than six hours' sleep and at 6:15 a. m. was still asleep.

From midnight on the quiet of the President's suite was broken only by frequent visits of Lieut. Commander Joel T. Boone, the physician who had direct charge of the patient throughout the night.

JURY SELECTED TO TRY LARKIN GARRETT Selection of Jury Did Not Consume More Than Two Hours During Morning. (By the Associated Press.) Cumberland Court House, Va., July 31. A jury to try Larkin J. Garrett for the alleged murder of Rev. E. S. Pierce, a Baptist minister, was obtained today in less than two hours. Twenty men out of sixty examined, qualified, and from this number the state and defense were privileged to strike off four each.

Judge White at 12:40 recessed for 20 minutes to permit counsel to decide the names they will eliminate from the panel. Court then recessed for dinner and the hearing of testimony is expected to begin at once when it reconvenes.

Spend Hundred Millions on Roads and Schools. Kingston, July 29.—The 46 eastern-most counties of North Carolina will have expended 100 million dollars on roads, school and public buildings during a two-year period ending December 31, according to an estimate from the sectional chamber of commerce here. Every one of the counties has participated in the program of public improvements to some extent. Hard surfaced highways, new courthouses, jails and other buildings, and numbers of modern schools have been built in the section.

The "local group" of counties has led in two respects. The longest mileage of roads and most schools have been constructed in Greene, Pitt, Wayne, Lenoir and Craven counties, it is believed. Street paving, sewerage and waterworks systems and electric lighting in towns have constituted important items. The per capita expenditure would probably establish a record for the country.

A new powder for use in small arms and artillery has been invented. It has all the driving power of the type now used and is smokeless, flashless and impervious to moisture.

INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA.

The coast line of North Carolina, following the outer line bordering the Atlantic Ocean, is about 300 miles in length.

If the indentations and sounds are considered the coast line is nearly 1,500 miles long.

Albemarle Sound is a fresh water body and is said to be one of the largest coastal bodies of fresh water in the world.

This sound, which is 60 by 15 miles, is the most important from a fisheries standpoint along the North Carolina coast. It is also stated that there are probably few bodies of water in the world of similar size having more extensive fisheries.

Sixteen rivers empty their waters into the Sound and in all of them the fishing industry of the state is being developed.

Pamlico Sound is with the exception of Long Island Sound, the largest on the Atlantic Coast. It runs parallel to the Atlantic and is separated from it only by "banks," which are nothing more than a succession of narrow sandhills.

The coast of North Carolina presents unusual opportunities for prosecuting the fishing industry and practically the entire population along the coast, with the exception of the city dwellers, are dependent on the industry for a means of livelihood.

SAYS FARMER WILL GET MUCH FOR WHEAT

E. T. Meredith Says Wheat Crop Will Bring in \$500,000,000 More Than During Last Year.

Des Moines, July 31 (By the Associated Press).—Declaring that Senator Swift W. Brookhart, of Iowa, had never been known to exhibit sufficient "sustained exertion" to get at facts in any economic problem he had attempted to discuss, E. T. Meredith, former Secretary of Agriculture, pointed out in a statement to the Associated Press received here today from Menahem Minn, (the grain farmer will receive \$500,000,000 more for his crop in 1923 than he did in 1922, in spite of the slump in the price of wheat.

"There is a conspiracy among certain factions," declared Mr. Meredith, "to misrepresent and discourage the farmer. Just what lies back of this pernicious scheme remains to be seen, but one of the big purposes lies in making political capital out of this sum which can be used to the selfish advantage of those taking part in it."

75-MILLION CAMPAIGN STILL FAR FROM GOAL

All Interests in the Movement Will Be Pushed With Vigor From Now On.

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RUSSIANS THREATEN TO CONFISCATE SHIP

Expedition Seeking to Aid Allen Crawford and Party Must Get Sanction From Soviets.

Nome, July 31 (By the Associated Press).—Harold Noice, head of the Expedition to Grangor Island for the relief of Allen Crawford and his party, unharmed there since 1920, has been advised of an announcement by the Soviet authorities at East Cape Siberia that unless his ship calls at Petropolok for proper clearance and also at East Cape for a contingent of red guards to be taken to the island, the vessel will be confiscated.

Three More Sale Days at Parks-Bell Co.

Many fine bargains are yet to be found at the Parks-Bell Co. while the Twelfth Annual July Clearance Sale continues. The sale will close on Saturday of this week, but for the remainder of the sale hundreds of bargains will be offered.

As an added feature the management of the store has secured the Jackson Training School band to play on Friday.

If you are interested in seasonal bargains it will be to your advantage to visit this store this week.

Miss Mary Hill has entered the Charlotte Sanatorium and submitted to an operation this morning at 11 o'clock.

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INTER-RACIAL MEETING BEGINS AT ASHEVILLE

Annual Conference of Southern Cotton Inter-Racial Co-operation Will Get Underway Tonight.

(By the Associated Press.) Asheville, N. C., July 31.—Preparatory to the annual conference of the Southern Cotton Inter-racial Co-operation which opens tonight, the executive committee of the women's department of the Commission met this morning for the purpose of discussing plans and policies to be incorporated in the report the committee will make to the conference.

Approximately a score of the committee members were present for the meeting which was under the direction of Mrs. M. J. Sisk, its 1923 Chairman, and Mrs. Archibald Davis, Atlanta, Ga., secretary.

Among the group sections of the women's department represented are the Episcopal, Southern Presbyterian, Southern Baptist, Southern Methodist, Congregational and Christian Churches and the national board of Young Women's Christian Association, women's clubs, and a group of negro women who have representation on the committee for the first time. Besides representatives from these groups were three members present from the women of the South at large.

ANNUL ENCAMPMENT OF SIXTH DISTRICT WOODMEN

Virginia, North and South Carolina Represented in Uniform Rank Team at Greensboro.

Greensboro, July 30.—The annual encampment of the sixth district of the uniform rank, Woodmen of the World, opened here today, with more than 300 Woodmen from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina in attendance.

Present are 16 companies, from Anderson, Charleston, Spartanburg, Easley, Columbia, Mottmore and Lowville, S. C., Hampton and Roanoke, Va., and Burlington, Kannapolis, High Point, Winston-Salem, Mount Airy, Olt Fort and Thomasville. Capt. J. O. Pike, of High Point, is in charge of the camp, called "Charles A. Hines camp," in honor of a prominent Woodman here.

Adjutant C. L. Mather, Omaha, formally opened the camp. Mr. Hines welcomed the Woodmen, and Brigadier General E. B. Lewis, of Kingston, responded. Strict military discipline prevails. Capt. R. V. Ladd, United States Army, is here with a detachment of Fort Bragg soldiers, supervising military activities. Other prominent Woodmen here are Colonels P. J. Salmon, Norfolk; Brown, Spartanburg; Ridgeway, Charleston; M. I. Griffith, Rockingham.

Drill was held this morning, guard mount this afternoon. Fort Bragg band rendered an encouraging, and July bearing out the optimistic statements that have been so frequent of late, especially in view of the unfavorable conditions surrounding the cotton crop during May and June.

Since receipt of these returns further improvement has taken place in several parts of the belt and there seems reason to believe that August reports may show greater gains.

On the basis of the government's average figure of 38,267,000, and in accordance with its method of calculation, a per cent condition of 70.4 indicates that with normal weather from now on a yield of approximately 11,921,000 bales is possible.

This, of course, is not a prediction. Actual production last year was 9,729,048 bales. In 1920, 13,439,003 bales were raised, and in the banner year of 1914, 16,134,930 bales. The smallest crop in recent years was 7,453,641 bales in 1921.

Other private estimates cover a range of 11,000,000 to 12,200,000 bales. Correspondents this month give more attention to their reports to the activities of the boll weevil. While opinions differ somewhat, it would seem that comparatively little damage has been done, except in Georgia, parts of South Carolina, Mississippi and Arkansas.

Cane infestation is very heavy in some respects worse than last year, but preventive measures have been far more thorough, and some claim that poison remedies are proving effective in checking weevil ravages. Others complain that attempts at poisoning in sections where rainfall has been excessive too often turn out a complete failure, and very costly, as the rain washes away the poison as soon as applied.

Home Coming Day at St. Stephen's on Sunday, August 12th.

Evangelical Lutheran Church, this equity, will be held at 10 a. m. Morning service, 11; sermon, Rev. George H. Cox, D. D.

At noon dinner will be served on the grounds. At the evening service, F. O. Dry will deliver the address of welcome; responses will be made by George W. Isenhour and addresses will follow by Revs. C. M. Fox, G. H. L. Lingle, M. L. Richardson and M. L. Keeler.

Every one is invited to attend these services.

The Gaekwar of Baroda is reckoned among the ten richest men on earth.

SENATOR UNDERWOOD WILL BE CANDIDATE HE SAYS IN SPEECH

If People of Alabama Want Him as a Candidate for President His Hat Will Enter the Ring.

ALABAMA SOLONS HEAR STATEMENT

Says He Will Not Be Candidate Unless He is Given the Support of the People of His State.

(By the Associated Press.) Montgomery, Ala., July 31.—Senator Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, told the Alabama legislature today he would accept the honor of becoming a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President if his home state demanded it. He spoke to a joint session in response to a resolution endorsing him.

Ready For Real Campaign.

Montgomery, Ala., July 31.—In an address before the Mobile delegation of the Alabama Legislature this morning at a local hotel, Senator Oscar W. Underwood declared that if the citizenry of Alabama requested it, that his hat was in "the ring for the Presidency."

"It is not for me to name Alabama's candidate for President of the United States, but if this great state names me as her standard bearer, all the fighting spirit I have will be enlisted to carry democracy's cause to triumph."

HONEYMOON STOWAWAYS HIDE IN COAL BUNKERS

When Caught Austrian Bride Claims Philadelphia as Relative.

New York, July 31.—Their dreams of a honeymoon in America shattered, Miss Wilhelmina Strieglitz and Gustav Schmitz arrived as stowaways on the German steamer Grete, from Hamburg, today, only to be turned over to immigration authorities at Ellis Island for return to their homes in Austria.

For the first three days out, the pair hid in the Grete's coal bunkers and they were grimy from head to foot when ship's officers dug them out, gave them a change of wash up, and put them to work for the rest of the voyage.

Neither would talk freely and officers of the vessel said they were mystified as to how they got aboard, particularly the young woman. Papers found among her effects included the name of William Harting, of Philadelphia, who, Miss Strieglitz said, was a relative.

A third stowaway, whose name was not given, also was sent to Ellis Island.

TWO KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Fast Running Car Turns Over on a Greensboro Boulevard.

High Point, July 30.—Gurley Jarrell, of High Point, was killed, and Ruben Paschal, of Greensboro, was fatally injured this afternoon when an automobile in which they were riding left the asphalt and turned over several times on the Greensboro boulevard near the Methodist Protestant Children's home, three miles from this city.

Jarrell was almost instantly killed and Paschal died a few minutes after being taken to a local hospital; the accident occurred about 2:30 o'clock.

Jarrell is said to have been driving the automobile and attempted to round a curve at a rapid rate of speed when he lost control of the machine. The car made a complete turn in the road, left the pavement and turned over three times.

PRESIDENT'S ILLNESS AFFECTS STOCK MARKET

News That He Is Seriously Ill Brought Large Volume of Selling Orders.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, July 30.—Official overnight report that President Harding's condition was grave brought a large volume of selling orders in today's stock market and caused a break of 1 to 2 points in U. S. Steel, Studebaker, Baldwin and other speculative leaders. Commission houses reported that much of the liquidation came from small investors who had become frightened by the return for the worse in the President's illness.

THE COTTON MARKET

Lack of Rain in Texas Gave the Market a Steady Opening Today.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, July 31.—Because there was no rain in Texas overnight and no immediate prospects of any, according to official weather forecast, the cotton market had a steady opening today and with the exception of September, which opened 25 points lower, was 6 to 15 points higher.

Cotton futures opened firm: October 21.27; December 21.29; January 21.05; March 21.14; May 21.14.

Driver Loses Life in Race for a Crossing.

Winston-Salem, July 30.—At 11 o'clock today Linnie N. Talley, a young man, was killed when the Ford car he was driving was struck by a Norfolk and Western passenger train at a private crossing near the Virginia-Carolina chemical plant. The car was completely demolished. He was a mechanic and was en route to his work at a motor garage here when the accident occurred. Engineer C. M. Cain, who was running the train, says that it and the automobile reached the crossing at the same time and the accident was unavoidable, so far as he was concerned.