

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.

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Won First Skirmish. Presidential headquarters, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, July 31 (By the Associated Press).—President Harding appeared today to have won the first preliminary skirmish in his fight against broncho-pneumonia, and attending complications.

Official bulletin issued by five physicians attending him said there had been no extension during the night and earlier part of the day of the pneumonic areas, and the heart action was definitely improved.

The President, the bulletin said, had expressed himself as feeling better and less exhausted. His temperature at 9 a. m. was given as 100, about a degree less than that of yesterday; pulse 120, a drop of 5 from yesterday; and his respiration 40 and regular as contrasted with 44 and irregular as given in reports of yesterday.

WILLS WANTS DEMPSEY TO FIGHT HIM FIRST. Asks Boxing Commission to Force Dempsey to Fight Him Before Meeting.

ing Luis Firpo. New York, July 31.—Harry Wills, negro aspirant for the heavyweight boxing title, and his manager, Paddy Mulins, appeared today before the State Athletic Commission to demand that Jack Dempsey be compelled to defend his title against Wills before meeting Luis Angel Firpo. The commission reserved decision.

Soviets and Japs Confer. Tokyo, July 31 (By the Associated Press).—Preliminary conversations which were to have paved the way to formal negotiations looking to a resumption of diplomatic relations between Japan and the Soviet government were concluded here this morning.

Severe Storm at Richmond. Richmond, July 31.—Thousands of dollars damage—just how many thousands could not be stated with a degree of accuracy early today—was caused by a cloudburst and electrical storm here last night, during which the local weather bureau reported 7.26 inches of rain fell.

New Notaries Public. Raleigh, N. C., July 31.—Governor Cameron Morrison has recently commissioned notaries public the following: R. N. Andrews, Charlotte; R. D. Collier, Linden; E. C. Laney, Monroe; A. F. Rowe, Ayden; Wallace Wright, Asheville and W. W. Rudder, Chadbourne.

BUSINESS IN JUNE AS GOOD AS IN JUNE 1922

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Some 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."

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.

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.

Selection of Jury Did Not Consume More Than Two Hours During Morning.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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 Mendota, Minn., that 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 to make political capital out of this issue 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, unannounced here 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.

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INTER-RACIAL MEETING BEGINS AT ASHEVILLE

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

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 chairwoman, 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.

ANNUAL 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.

Drill was held this morning, guard mount this afternoon, and the Woodmen will practice drilling until Friday, when competitive drill will be held, with gold medal and other trophies to be awarded.

WITH LEGS BARED, GIRLS ROMP AT CONEY ISLAND

Rejoice Over Lifting of Edict Against Stockingless Mermaids.

New York, July 30.—Stockingless girls, romped the beaches of Coney Island today, flagrantly disregarding blue-coats, who on previous Sundays arrested and chased scores of those whose lower limbs were uncovered.

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 Rubin 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.

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THE COTTON MARKET

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

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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.

Death of Miss Myrtle Armfield

Charlotte, July 31.—Miss Myrtle Armfield, 18, died on the operating table here today while under the influence of an anesthetic while being operated for the removal of adenoids. She was a daughter of Mrs. Mollie Armfield and was to be married in a month to a Charlotte attorney.

SENATOR UNDERWOOD WILL BE CANDIDATE HE SAYS IN SPEECH

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.

ALABAMA SOLONS HEAR STATEMENT

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

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."

HONEYMOON STOWAWAYS HIDE IN COAL BUNKERS

When Caught Austrian Bride Claims Philadelphia as Hometown.

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.

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