

Partly cloudy Thursday; Friday fair and somewhat warmer.

HARDING GIVES AN EAR TO COUNSEL OF MANY, BUT APPROVES LITTLE

President-elect listens to advice from number on variety of subjects

PROMISES NOTHING Gives Impression of Desire to Be Sure-Footed—Wins Admiration

By MARK SULLIVAN (Copyright, by The Star) WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—When Senator Harding left Washington on Tuesday afternoon he had spent almost forty hours in the capitol...

Headed Many Things This is about the only affirmative thing that Harding did, about the only thing in which he took the initiative...

Would Extend Bonds Incidental to this plan for revising the taxes, Senator Harding was urged to give his indorsement to a plan for refunding the government debt...

Senator Harding was urged to seize the first occasion possible to make a speech or some other public utterance about the troubled state of business...

Particulars of the new administration would be sympathetic and would energetically do about doing everything possible to stimulate national prosperity.

ATTACK ON EUROPEAN AGREEMENT STARTLES ASSEMBLY LEADERS

Canadian Creates a Stir By An Allusion to Old World Statesmanship

GENEVA, Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press).—The liveliest commotion the assembly of the League of Nations has experienced was provoked today by N. W. Rowell, of Canada...

Several of the delegates suggested to Mr. Rowell that his words had created a different impression than he had intended. The Canadian delegate took the floor again and said he did not mean to attack European statesmen...

British Embassy Bars Irish Investigators Ambassador Declines to Vise Passports of Six Named By Commission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The special committee of six, which the commission of the committee of one hundred now holding hearings here on the Irish question had hoped to send to England and Ireland to gather first hand information...

REAR ADMIRAL M'GOWAN RETIRES ACTIVE DUTY

South Carolinian Will Leave Service December 31

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Rear Admiral Samuel J. McGowan has resigned as paymaster general and chief of the bureau of supplies and accounts of the navy and has retired from active duty...

CHARLESTON HIGH WINS COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 8.—Charleston High school won the high school football championship of South Carolina by defeating Chester High school, 10 to 0, here this afternoon.

ACREAGE REDUCTION CONFERENCE AGREES ON 50 PER CENT CUT

Bankers Are Asked to Withhold Credit From Those Who Defy Agreement

MEMPHIS, TENN., Dec. 8.—A 50 per cent cut in cotton production in 1921 and curtailment in the acreage planted in cotton to one-third that of the total area in cultivation, was agreed upon here today at a southern bankers, merchants and farmers conference.

Organization work pledged by the bankers present will begin immediately, and under the provisions of the plan will be complete by January 15 next.

Landowners are asked to share in whatever crops may be raised on his lands on a percentage basis and not require a fixed sum of money or pounds of cotton for rent.

The acreage reduction plan, as offered by the committee of which Colonel W. B. Thompson, New Orleans, was chairman, and composed of a banker, a merchant and a farmer from each of the cotton states, was adopted after spirited debate.

PROHIBITION RULING WILL HURT SHIPPING

Immigration Bill Would Also Injure Lines, Says Benson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—American passenger ships will probably suffer in competition with foreign vessels as a result of the ruling of the internal revenue bureau that the prohibition laws apply unreservedly to American ships, Chairman Benson of the United States shipping board, said tonight.

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CHARGED WITH USING CAGE TO TRAP PROHI OFFICERS

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 8.—Alleging the defendant had constructed a cage in which to catch federal prohibition officers, William G. Turner, assistant United States attorney, today filed before Judge Beverly D. Evans a petition in equity to abate as a nuisance the further use of the premises occupied by Sam Clark, Mrs. Sam Clark and William F. Stockton.

YONCALLA, Ore. Dec. 8.—Matriarchal government was in effect in Yoncalia today. The women were recently elected to all municipal offices, including that of mayor, having taken their place in a body when the men incumbents resigned in a body at the council meeting.

Widow and Daughter of Jake Hamon



Recent picture of the widow and little daughter of Jake Hamon, Oklahoma national committeeman, who is believed to have been shot by Clara Smith Hamon. Supporting the dying statement of her husband, however, Mrs. Hamon holds to the belief that the girl had nothing to do with the shooting and insists that she will not prosecute the charge. Oklahoma legal officials take a different view of the matter.

HARDING TAKES UP PRELIMINARY TASKS

Back at His Desk, He Begins Laying Foundation of Administration

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 8.—President-elect Harding returned to Marion today to lay the foundations of his administration and its policies in consultation with many of the nation's leading statesmen.

WARRANTS ISSUED FOR ALLEGED MOB MEMBERS

GOLDSBORO, Dec. 8.—Four additional warrants were issued today by Judge W. A. Devin against alleged members of the mob that stormed the courthouse here last Thursday night in an attempt to lynch five negroes being tried for murder.

ARMORE VERY ANXIOUS TO APPREHEND WAGON

ARMORE, Okla., Dec. 8.—Russell B. Brown, county attorney, late sent the following telegram to Sheriff Ordorff at El Paso, Texas, in connection with search for Clara Smith, alleged slayer of Jake L. Hamon.

REINHART SLEUTH CAPTAIN

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va., Dec. 8.—Hollis Reinhart, Jr., of Charlottesville, halfback on this year's University of Virginia eleven, tonight was elected captain of the 1921 football team. The schedule for next season, with only one open date, was announced as follows: September 24, Davidson at Charlottesville; October 1, William and Mary at Charlottesville; October 8, University of Richmond at Charlottesville; October 15, Virginia Military Institute at Lexington; October 22, Johns Hopkins at Charlottesville; October 29, Princeton at Princeton; November 5, Georgia at Athens; November 12, Miami at Miami.

INLAND WATERWAYS DEVELOPMENT URGED

Rivers and Harbors Congress Hears Address by Baker and Alexander

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Importance of a studied and systematic development of the country's waterways as a means of relieving congestion in railroad traffic, particularly in bulk commodities and of insuring more economic movement of export freight was emphasized by speakers at the opening session here today of the national rivers and harbors congress.

CHARGES BRITISH RULE WITH REIGN OF TERROR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Charges that the British government has kept alive and continuously stirred religious prejudice in Ireland and sought through the reign of terror to stave off that country into submission, brought to a conclusion eight hours of testimony today by Miss Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late Lord Mayor of Cork and the other agricultural interests. Other tobacco men will be heard tomorrow and Friday the wool growers from the west will present their difficulties.

BIKE RACE UNCHANGED

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The relative positions of the contestants in the six-day race at Madison Square Garden remained unchanged at 11 o'clock tonight. The 71st hour, Brocco and Coburn were leading with 1,175 miles and six laps to their credit.

INVESTIGATE FIRE

ORANGEBURG, S. C., Dec. 8.—Investigation was being made today to determine whether the fire which destroyed the large cotton storage warehouse of the Farmers' Marketing association here early today was of incendiary origin. Total loss was estimated at \$15,000.

GAME CALLED OFF

GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 8.—The proposed championship football game between the University of South Carolina and Furman University has been called off. Mutual consent, according to word received here today from both members at Columbia.

TAX-TARIFF REVISION FARMERS' RELIEF ACT TO START QUICKLY

Republican Chairmen of Senate and House Committees Announce Hearings

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Republican members of congress took the first steps today toward revision of tax and tariff laws at the extra session to be called soon after next March 4. Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee announced that his committee would begin hearings within a few days on revision of the tax laws...

The senate and house committees alike hope to conclude their hearings by the end of the present session. The house committee, Chairman Fordney said, expects to be able to begin the work of the senate committee on tariff measures as soon as the extra session is convened.

Chairman Fordney's announcement followed a conference of the majority members of the committee. He said that as soon as the committee had had time to study the tax recommendations contained in the annual report of Secretary Houston of the treasury, sent to congress today, he would invite Mr. Houston to appear before committee and explain his views more fully.

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HOUSE ALSO BUSY

Numerous Measures Designed to Tide Farmers Over Are Offered By Members

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Destiny of the cotton crop on the part of the southern cotton states "to hold the staple for speculative purposes" to force higher prices, the New Orleans cotton exchange directors at a meeting late today adopted an appeal to the Louisiana delegation to support a measure to extend the national government "only to clear the obstructions clogging our trade avenues." The appeal was telegraphed to members of the delegation at Washington.

NEVERTHELESS, SAYS MRS. MAC SWINEY, 'WE ARE GOING TO GET OUR FREEDOM'

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