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### HARDING GIVES AN EAR ATTACK ON EUROPEAN ACREAG TO COUNSEL OF MANY, DIPLOMACY STARTLES | CONFERENCE AGREES RUT APPROVES LITTLE

From Number on Variety of Subjects

### PROMISES NOTHING

gives Impression of Desire To Be Sure-Footed-Wins Admiration

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asaw a good many persons and they these subjects. old him a good many things. Hardign relations. He brought this up cupy itself with these questions.. th several members of the senate Canada, at any rate, he said, felt that their part looking to arriving at mon ground for action.

sittee and sat with it during all the tonishment of the entire assembly, and essions that dealt with the League of lations. He knows the various points view held by individual members, and he tried on Monday and Tuesday mon ground on which all these iffering views can meet.

Heard Many Things which he took the initiative. But he listened to a lot of other things. Among the sugestions laid before him | tions would fall under the control of y one or another of those who called

He was urged to name his secretary his secretary of the ose who urged this course was that he names of these two officials would

rpose of preparing a tentative proamme for revising the taxes. About than the end of this week. hould be revised as early as practi- bates are summarily shortened.

Would Extend Bonds Incidental to this plan for revising to taxes, Senator Harding was urged give his indorsement to a plan for efunding the government debt, a plan which would extend all the Liberty e refunding issue into three classes bonds: one class free of income axes on large incomes; another free

sent session of congress. Except express the hope that the budget would pass in the present session. enator Harding did nothing about the passports.

on the hopeful signs every reason for hopefulness and it was learned today. ression is merely temporary.

about doing everything possible to imulate national prosperity.

Gives No Answer

ure-footed. Whether any of Senator Harding's tions and since the war the great surcallers brought up the subject of cabhet appointments, or whether Senator of under his direction. arding himself brought up the sub-

Quite in important and more infesting in a human way than the matters of politics and statesmanship (Continued on Page Two)

# ASSEMBLY LEADERS

Allusion to Old World Statesmanship

GENEVA, Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press).-The liveliest commotion the cent out in cotton production in 1921 assembly of the League of Nations has and curtailment in the acreage planted experienced was provoked today by N. in cotton to one-third that of the total area in culivation, was agreed upon W. Rowell, of Canada, who expressed at the acreage reduction conference his views regarding European states- here today of southern bankers, mermanship in a way that startled diplo- chants and farmers. mats of the old world.

A sharp debate arose over the recommendation of the committee on techni- factors or banks unwilling to agree to cal organizations that the assembly the acreage reduction plans. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- When Sen- propose to the governments to set up for Harding left Washington on Tues- under the auspices of the league three atternoon he had spent almost new organizations on finances, transit adopted by a practically unanimous ractly forty hours in the capitol. and health, with annual conferences on

Mr. Rowell objected on the ground himself did more listening than that it was impossible for distant counsking. About the only thing that he tries to send their best men abroad initiated was a movement four times a year to attend the assemonable on what is conveniently called that the result would be to throw these he League of Nations question, but is, organizations under European influence. fact, the whole problem of our for- The assembly, he held, should not oc-

ommittee on foreign relations and they were questions that should not be th other senators, and urged action allowed to fall into European control. "Fifty thousand Canadian soldiers under the sod in France and Flanders Senator Harding has been himself a is the price Canada has paid for Euroof the foreign affairs com- pean statesmanship," he cried to the as-

the dismay of some of the delegates.

Arthur Balfour and Mr. Fisher were plainly affected by the thrust from a lands on a percentage basis and not British dominion; they remained moand he tried on Monday and Ideaday tionless in their seats through the bal- pounds of cotton for rent. ance of the debate, with grave faces.

A system of bonded warehouses for Lord Robert Cecil, representing South cotton and a classification of cotton Africa in the assembly, in a gentle way that will be ample to protect it thing that Harding did, about the only agreed with much that Mr. Rowell had lateral on which to borrow money was said, but thought Mr. Rowell was mistaken in supposing that the organiza-

Europe. Several of the delegates suggested to Mr. Rowell that his words had created a different impression than he had inof state and this several waiting tended. The Canadian delegate took the treasury immediately without waiting floor again and said he did not mean to attack European statesmen, and,

Mr. Rowell was supported by Mr. a certain amount of weight Miller of Australia and was mildly taken to task by Gabrie Hanots basis upon which to make their calcu-lations for the future. It was urged, stood with the others, however, it agreeing to let the question go over are a good deal of time before the until tomorrow. In the meantime enin which to study their deavors will be made to arrive at a prepare themselves for compromise. Some of the principal delassembly and are talking of going hold meetings immediately, for the from his law practice for nearly s month, said he would not stay longer

The general opinion, however, is that othing except to express a whole- it will be impossible to finish before hearted conviction that the taxes the end of next week unless the de-

#### **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 plies to those who are unwilling to question had hoped to send to England comply with the reduction agreement, and Ireland to gather first hand invisit Great Britain.

commission, was informed in a letter "the proposed visit to British territory is not agreeable to his majesty's government," and that therefore the ambassador will not vise the passports issued to members of the committee by the American state department.

Mr. Craigie's letter apparently was in reply to one from Mr. MacDonald making formal application for vise of

#### 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.

by President Wilson to take effect December 31. The Admiral retired under the 30-year clause affecting bureau mpathetic and would energetically chiefs passed by congress last year. Admiral McGowan had been paymaster general of the navy since July 1, 1914, a period of service as chief of All these things were urged upon the bureau of supplies and accounts Senator Harding, and as to practically only exceeded twice in the history of all of them he did nothing. He gave the service. He was charged during he impression of wanting to be very the war with the task of supplying the navy with supplies of all descrip-

Admiral McGowan entered the navy lect, the present writer has no knowl- in 1894 from South Carolina and atedge, but is strongly inclined to the tained the rank of rear admiral in belief that while Senator Harding is 1916. He will probably be succeeded himself giving much thought to these by Rear Admiral C. J. Peoples, who appointments, none has yet been tend- will act as chief of the bureau, prob-

ably until March 4. MEN RESIGN, WOMEN ELECTED YONCALLA, Ore. Dec. 8.-Matriarchal connected with Senator Harding's visit government was in effect in Yoncalla the personal impression he made. today. The women were recently electmet the newspaper men, some ed to all municipal offices, including the newspaper men, some ed to all having taken their tenate in a body, and he met, either places last night when the men incum-hdividually or in groups, a consider-bents resigned in a body at the council case will be heard.

# EDUCTION ON 50 PER CENT CUT

president-elect Listens to Advice Canadian Creates a Stir By An Bankers Are Asked to Withhold Credit From Those Who Defy Agreement

MEMPHIS, TENN., Dec. 8 .- A 50 per

To make the plan effective, machinary was set in motion to restrict credits to individual farmers, merchants,

The plan embodied in the report of the acreage reduction committee was vote of the conference late today. It includes the formation of an organization in every township in the cotton states to secure the support of the growers, and their adherence to pledges of reduction. Organization work pledged by the

bankers present will begin immediately, and under the provisions of the plan will be complete by January 15 next. The resolutions adopted call on the banker and credit merchants in the cotton states "to use their utmost endeavor to bring about the enforcement of a cotton acreage reduction by refusing to advance any money to any one interested in farming of any kind who does not plant enough food and feed crops for their own use." Landowners are asked to share in

whatever crops may be raised on his require and fixed sum of money or

weather damage and make ta safe colindorsed. A system of co-operative marketing crops was favored and the work of the American Cotton association in an effort to stabilize the price in cotton, bring about a reduction of acreage and

improve marketing methods was ap-

In addition to resolutions offered from the floor and adopted, the con safe and sound plans looking for the HARDING TAKES UP extension of long credit to foreign customers of certain expert corporations

to a bill to be introduced in congress which will provide for government census of all untenderable cotton held in the United States. The acreage reduction plan, as ofby the committee of which Colonel W. B. Thompson, New Orleans, banker, a merchant and a farmer from

each of the cotton states, was adopted

The organization work in its pre-

liminary is left to the various state bankers as now. The presidents of the associations are asked to appoint bankers, who shall in turn appoint a leading statesmen. committee in each county consisting of arrange for organizing each town-The first duty prescribed for the township committee is to list all tillable lands, and their owners and also to list the merchants of the community. here to confer with him. Following this a county mass meeting to be held at a date not later thah January 15, at which every farmer is duction pledge is to be called. The merchants also will be asked to sign a pledge not to furnish money or sup-The convention adjourned after adoption of the acreage reduction plan.

#### William MacDonald, secretary of the PROHIBITION RULING WILL HURT SHIPPING

Injure Lines, Says Benson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—American passenger ships will probably suffer in he must competition with foreign vessels as a result of the ruling of the internal revenue bureau that the prohibition ships, Chairman Benson of the United States shipping board, said tonight. Little difficulty in the sale of the board's passenger liners because of the ing is yet to be done. ruling was anticipated by the chairman, but he said the passage of an immaterially affect shipping by reducing the revenues of the trans-Atlantic

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.

#### CHARGED WITH USING CAGE TO TRAP PROHI OFFICERS

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 8.-Alleging the defendants had constructed a cage in which to catch federal prohibtion 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.

The cage is said to be constructed just inside the front door of the place of business and is controlled with ropes running to the bar, A few days ago Federal Agent Martin was caught and held in the cage until the whiskey had been removed in the bar. The officer is said to have been held a prisoner for thirty

minutes. Judge Evans granted a temporary injunction restraining further oper ations until December 18, when the

### Widow and Daughter of Jake Hamon



mon holds to the belief that the girl had nothing to do with the shooting and insists that she will not prosecute the charges. Oklahoma legal officials take

### INLAND WATERWAYS 界建構放射等系統。走行可辨的工作

Back at His Desk, He Begins Rivers and Harbors Congress Laying Foundation of Administration

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 8 .- Presidentelect Harding returned to Marion today to lay the foundations of his administration and its policies in cona state central committee of three sultation with many of the nation's road traffic, particularly in bulk com-

"The meeting of minds," he promised during the campaign will begin early phasized by speakers at the opening vision of all work in each county and next week after he has disposed of accumulated correspondence and has put into more concrete form the ques- the country faced a period when it tions he wants to ask those who come must conserve to the utmost its trans-

The League of Nations will be foremost in his discussions, but several cheaper movement of export freight to be called on to sign the acreage re- other problems will be kept in mind from the interior if the United States as he gathers advice and prepares himself for executive responsibility.

Throughout the campaign and since. Mr. Harding has declared many times that there are urgent questions to be

Immigration Bill . Would Also departments to insure better business sources of the country. ficiency and he is expected before | C. H. Markham, president March 4 to discuss that subject with Illinois Central, another speaker, de- from Ireland to "aid the commission in the extension of a billion dollar credit recommend to the extra session of congress to be followed soon after his portion of their freight carrying be heard tomorrow. laws apply unreservedly to American inauguration. Upon most of the sub- profits. jects he made some progress during his two-day visit in Washington, but the WARRANTS ISSUED FOR real work of his administration build-

His mind refreshed by his long play migration bill excluding aliens would to get vigorously into the swing of Four Said to Have Had Part In the task before him. During his absence in the south, he has devoted his time almost without interruption to rest and recreation, putting ino the background entirely the trying sponsibilities of the Presidency. told his friends that this vaction probably would be his last respite before courthouse here last Thursday night in publican knows, for you cannot keep he tried to make the most of it.

Feels Ready for Task He considers that the change once the stack of letters that he found county. Additional warrants will be awaiting his attention. To clear his issued as soon as sufficient evidence is desk will require hard work during the secured, the judge declared.

The list people don't into submission. The Irish people don't issued as soon as sufficient evidence is want war. If England will get out, exception of Suter brothers, who were well establish prosperity in our length and Grimm and Vandillen. remainder of the week for he has given virtually no attention to correspondence since the election.

The President-elect and Mrs. Hard-

ing may move to some southern resort some time during January, but they expect to be in Marion continuously until after the holidays. Within this period Mr. Harding hopes to conclude the League of Nations conferences and to gather much important data on domestic questions. Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, who

led President Wilson's senate fight for ratification of the Versailles treaty and Senator Shields, of Tennessee, an op-ponent of ratification, will be among the first Democrats to be consulted by the President-elect in his league conferences. He will also ask the advice of several prominent women regarding the league, but the list has not been

Hears Address By Baker and Alexander

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- Importance of a studied and a systematic development of the country's waterways as means of relieving congestion in railmodities and or insuring more economic movement of export-freight was emsession here today of the national

portation resources and facilities. while Secretary of Commerce Alexander emphasized the importance of is to maintain an export trade combe met only by a systematic develop-For one thing he has advocated a bulk commodities drawn at express the Irish question. reorganization of several government speed is a waste of the natural reome of the country's most successful clared it would be a mistake to turn obtaining the true facts." freight to inland water lines as it was land would gain its freedom even from the shipment of such freights though "England had to be beaten to that the railroads derived a large pro- the ground." Her sister-in-law will

## ALLEGED MOB MEMBERS

Jail Attack

ional warrants were issued today by only leave us alone. Judge W. A. Devin against alleged members of the mob that stormed the she continued. he retires from the white house, and an attempt to lynch five negroes being in continual slavery a people everyone tried for murder.

publican candidate for sheriff in the ly, but he showed today that he realized that it was over by attacking at next term of criminal court in Wilson once the stack of letters that he found county. Additional warrants will be into submission. The Island and the Van Hevel-Vandenburgh team out of work. It wants to starve us awaiting his attention. To clear his

#### ARDMORE VERY ANXIOUS TO APPREHEND WOMAN

ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 8 .- Russell

B. Brown, county attorney, late sent the following telegram to Sheriff Orndorff at El Paso, Texas, in connection with search for Clara Smith, alleged slayer of Jake L. Hamon: "Understand you have reliable information as to whereabouts of Clara Smith Hamon. Will you advise at once by wire if this is true? Please do not let anyone give you the impression that we do not want her here. We will take any and all steps to apprehend her when advised by you that you know of her where-abouts."

### TAX-TARIFF REVISION FARMERS' RELIEF ACT TO START QUICKLY SLATED FOR PASSAGE Republican Chairmen of Senate IN SENATE TOMORROW

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, these hearings to continue until January 6, when hearings will be started on tariff legislation. Almost simultaneously with Chairman Fordney's announcement, Senator Mc-Cumber of North Dakota, acting chairman of the senate finance committee, issued a call for a meeting of that committee for tomorrow when plans will be made for hearings similar to those contemplated by the house com-

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 drafting the new tax and tariff measures as soon as the extra session is convened. The setate com-mittee's hearings are expected to be briefer than those planned by the house committee.

Chairman Fordney's announcement followed a conference of the majority members of the committee. He said tnat 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. The treasury will be asked to designate an official to report him at the committee's sessions. The committee's progrant the chairman said, will nounced from day to day, as the hear-

Chairman Fordney said today that e had in mind a definite plan for simplification of the tax on corporation finance corporation and thereby afford incomes. One of his proposals is a relief to farmers, confronted by falling flat tax on the incomes of all corpora- prices, plan to call up their measure tions "having no qualifications or other income tax laws be made so simple that a corporation will not have to hire an' expert lawyer to figure how much it

"I can go down the list of estimates of the secretary and chop out approxi-mately a billion and a quarter dellars as unnecessary," Mr. Fordney said. "Just for example, he wants \$181,000,-000 for the war risk insurance bureau. I think that is a hundred million dolars or more too high.

"With the proposed conscillation of the various soldiers' relief agencies Washington. The secretary wants \$75,000,000 for rivers and harbors improvement. I do not think congress will grant any such sum this year."

### Charges British Rule With Reign Of Terror

Nevertheless, Says Mrs. Mac-Swiney, "We Are Going to Get Our Freedom"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- Charges that the British government has kept alfve and continuously stirred religious day so as to be in the hands of sen-prejudice in Ireland and sought ators when the measure comes up. through a reign of terror to starve that country into submission, brought to a conclusion eight hours of testidecided in the nation's domestic af- tion." Secretary Baker said, "that the mony today by Miss Mary MacSwiney, fairs and to these he will give atten- mania for speed in transportation is sister of the late lord mayor of Cork, tion in some of his conferences here. an unwise one unless it is at the same before the commission from the committee of one hundred investigating that she and Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, the lord mayor's widow, had come

> Miss MacSwiney punctuated story of the movement for Irish freedom with the assertion that the United States had not lived up to its ideal of "making the world safe for de-

She made the predicition that Ire-

"We are not disturbers," the witness said. "We want just to be left sione. 'We are not using coercion and we will not be coerced. We simply want England to clear out; so we'll forgive her of everything, if she will We are going to get our freedom,

f whom is ready to die for his coun-"The British government," Miss Mac-

war base."

RINEHART BLECTED CAPTAIN 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 Diabeter 24. University of Richmond at Charlottesville; October 15, Virginia Military GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 8.—The pro-Institute at Lexington; October 22, posed championship football game be-Johns Hopkins at Charlottesville; October 29, Princeton at Princeton; November 5, Georgia at Athens; Kevember 12, open; Thanksgiving day, North
Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Senator Gronna is Assured of Body's Readiness to Accept His Resolution

### HOUSE ALSO BUSY

Numerous Measures Designed to Tide Farmers Over Are Offered By Members

NEW ORLEANS EXCHANGE URGES LEGISLATIVE RELIEF

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 8 .- Denying any desire on the part of the southes cotton interests "to hold the sta-ple for speculative purposes or to force higher prices," the New Orleans cotton exchange directors at a meeting late today adopted an appeal to the Louisiana delegation to congress to seek revival of the war finance corporation "only to clear the obstructions clogging our trade avenues." The appeal was telegraph-ed to members of the delegation at Washington.

Co-operation of all southern cot-ton exchanges in the movement to revive the war finance corporation was urged. "We contend that justice and equity demand that the national government which, finances trade movements for foreign nations during the war to the extent of many billions of dollars should aid in fostering and clearing the chan-nels of American trade to enable others to buy from us the produce which is clogging our trade avenues," said the telegram.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- Proponents of the legislation to revive the war finance corporation and thereby afford in the senate Friday and ask for its immediate passage.

Senator Gronna, Republican, North Dakota, in charge of the resolution gave this notice today in asking that the senate let the matter go over un

the senate either by unanimous consent or by the majority of the vote. While farm relief legislation was being temporarily postponed in the sen-ate, the flood of bills to extend relie

to the farmers continued in the hou Among the various measures was a bill by Representaive Strong, Republican, Kansas, to direct the committee o banking and currency to investigate what legislation would be necessary to permit the "proper financing" farmers and stock raisers.

Representative Lee, Democrat, Ge gia, put in a bill authorizing the federal reserve beard to take action neces Republican, North Dakota, re-intreduced his measure which would pre-hibit gambling in foodstuffs and spec ulation in stocks and bonds. Representative Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas, offered a bill to prevent the

sale of cotton and grain in future mar-

Printing of testimony taken in hear-ings before the agriculture committee was ordered rushed to completion to-The committee resumed its hearings with a view to framing additional relief

measures, and was told by Virginia and North Carolina tobacco growers, that they were in the same plight as the other agricultural interests. Other and Friday the wool growers from the west will present their difficulties. W. W. Brauer, who claimed to rep to Germany for the purchase of foodtreaty, Germany, in agreement with the allies, could make such a credit a fire already been carried on between Ger many and England, Italy and Belgium with the purpose of securing such ; the committee, however, told Mr. Brauer they did not believe congress would vote such an extension of credi to Germany, and then he sugge that it might be arranged through the war finance corporation.

BIKE RACE UNCHANGED remained unchanged at 11 o'clock,

night, the 71st hour. Brocco and burn were leading the field with miles and six laps to their cre republic. We will keep our ports open one lap behind and Grimm and Vandiand promise to let no one use them as vale, with 1,178 miles, two laps. The record for the Tist hour is 1,442 miles, six laps, made in 1914.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Dec. 8.—
Hollis Rinehart, Jr., of Charlottesville, halfback on this year's University of Virginia eleves, tonight was elected captain of the 1921 football team. The

GAME CALLED OFF