



Wilmington's Only
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The Weather
Light in east portion; snow or rain
at night. Sunday, Monday fair, colder
in east portion.
River stage at Fayetteville yesterday at 8 a. m., 12.5 feet, falling.

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HUGHES IS ANNOUNCED FOR STATE PORTFOLIO BY PRESIDENT-ELECT

Special Word Comes at Close of Lengthy Conference Saturday

Hughes Accepts and Regards It as Both a Privilege and Obligation

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Fast Air Trip New York to Southport

(Special to The Star)

SOUTHPORT, Feb. 19.—Wings from New York to Southport, a distance of 725 miles, in six hours and 37 minutes, the flying boat, Ponce Leon, the aeromarine type, is believed to have made today's record today. The craft landed here late this afternoon and the seven passengers spent the night at the hotel.

CATTLE TICK TAKES A DAY IN SENATE WHILE HOUSE WAITS IN VAIN

Senators for War on the Insect But House Has Agreed to Protect It

CLARK TO RETIRE?

Reported Chief Justice Will Quit Under New Law and Go to Europe

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 19.—Charles Evans Hughes, former governor of New York, justice of the supreme court and Republican nominee for the presidency, was formally designated by President-elect Harding today as the secretary of state of the Harding administration.

The announcement embodying the president-elect's selection of Hughes for the post, was made in a simple worded statement after a long conference between the two men on the foreign problems that must be solved after March 4. Neither Mr. Harding nor the prospective head of the state department, admitted any formal ceremony. There was no element of surprise in the selection, for it had been known for several weeks that Mr. Hughes was generally regarded as the best man available.

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AS PRESSING QUESTION RELATIONS WITH JAPS REGARDED BY HARDING

Ambassadorship to Tokio Most Delicate Mission in Diplomatic Service

MUCH "LOOSE TALK" WILL AID HARDING

Wars Are Born in War Talk and There Is Much Talk in Both Countries

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ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 19.—President-elect Harding has told some of his intimate advisers that he feels the most pressing international question which will confront his administration is that of the future relationship between this country and Japan.

It would not be stating the case exactly say that Mr. Harding is alarmed over what might be called the "loose talk" being indulged in as to the possibility of war between the two countries, but he is genuinely concerned and will make a valiant effort to bring about an era of good feeling, understanding and friendship. "Loose talk" is a phrase much used by Charles Evans Hughes, who has been formally designated as ambassador to Japan by President-elect Harding.

Mr. Harding regards the ambassadorship to Tokio as the most important and delicate mission at this time in the American diplomatic service. He has been earnestly trying to obtain as his personal representative an envoy from Japan a man tried in the fire of diplomatic experience, a man calculated to keep his head at all times, and to make a diplomatic success where other envoys have failed.

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ADJOURN POLITICS AND PATRIOTICALLY ASSIST IN SOLVING PROBLEMS

This Is Chairman George White's Idea for the Democrats Everywhere

HARDEN TELLS EUROPE TO QUIT TALKING AND LABOR

German Publicist Imagines America Telling Europeans That if They Will Get Down to Constructive Work, Instead of Wrangling Over Impossibilities, They Will Help. Otherwise They Will Let Europe Drift

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—Would a man when a surgeon had split open his stomach, do such a thing as learn algebra first, before the operation had been performed, thereby depriving himself of rest which he needs for his convalescence? Would he start a quarrel with the man lying in the next bed and bombard him with bandages torn from his own wound because another happened to be of another nationality or religion, or possess another sort of patriotism or fanaticism?

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Taxes, Too, Are Coming Down, Not in Rate This Year, But Amount

FURTHER PRECAUTIONS TO SHUT OUT TYPHUS

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Several additional steps were taken today to check entry of typhus into this country through the port of New York.

One of the most important was the arrival here of Surgeon General Cummings, of the United States public health service, to inspect the quarantine station, now under state control, which soon is to be taken over by the federal authorities.

Another development was announced that a force of extra men, including many skilled in handling typhus and other contagious diseases in Cuba, Mexico and abroad, now were on their way to New York.

A third preventive step was supplementing disinfecting equipment at the Hoffman Island detention station with material used by the army in delousing war veterans returning from overseas.

A fourth innovation was the action of the health department in disinfecting the foreign mail on incoming steamships, and in providing for disinfection of cars used by various railroads in transporting immigrants' belongings.

The first letters to receive medical attention were those arriving here on the steamship Cedric.

While city health inspectors today watched incoming vessels, others dealt with the health department in the afternoon. The patient, a 7-year-old boy, arrived from Italy three weeks ago. He was removed to a Brooklyn hospital and members of his family were isolated.

Mayor Wright is very enthusiastic over the plan of reclaiming Wrightsville Beach as outlined before the property owners of the resort by Prof. Lewis M. Haupt, of Philadelphia, on Friday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Northwest storm winds were ordered from Jacksonville, Fla., to Beaufort, N. C., by the weather bureau at 10 o'clock tonight.

A disturbance was over Alabama, according to reports, and will move northeastward with marked increase in intensity. Fresh east and southeast winds are indicated. The forecast is that there will be strong late tonight or Sunday morning.

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HOUSE NOT TO BLAME FOR LEGISLATIVE JAM DURING SHORT SESSION

That Body Has Made Record for Speed Not Exceeded in Past 25 Years

SENATE IS GUILTY

Majority Leader Mondell Offers Suggestions to Avoid Future Delays

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—What is the way out of the present legislative jam in congress and how can another such accumulation of unfinished work be avoided?

The Republican leader in the house, Frank W. Mondell, says that the house is investigating the problem. He believes that the adoption of a complete budget system, and a reform in the legislative calendar so that a short session of congress would not be confronted with a program of work too large for the time available, would prevent a repetition of the situation which has been met at the present session.

There is no man in congress better versed in the technique of legislation than Mr. Mondell. He has made it a special study. In an interview today he analyzed the present situation and the way out, which, he said, would be to concentrate upon the vital work of passing the appropriation bills. In consequence, he frantically urged the number of other important bills probably would go over to the next session.

"The house has been working under a handicap at this session," said Mr. Mondell. "We have added to the number of bills which have not been passed, we have combined all our appropriations bills in one large committee, the executive budget system for the government, of which the present committee is the legislative feature, has not been put into effect by reason of the veto of President Wilson. We have been laboring under a possible handicap of a program which would have had the legislative budget reform matched by an executive budget."

"I have no doubt that when the executive budget system is perfected, we shall be able to dispatch our appropriation bills with a speed and facility far greater than we have in the house at this session. The fact is that the growth of the country and the increase in the size and volume of appropriations, taken into consideration with the necessary and essential legislation that must be handled even in a short session, render it imperative that we shall in the near future have a complete reform in the matter of closing sessions of congress."

"Under the new house rule consolidating appropriations in one committee, it is proposed to consider the conference reports first formally. Therefore, it is highly important that the appropriation bills reach us from the senate as promptly as possible. Now that the emergency appropriation bill is passed, the senate, we feel confident, will realize the necessity of getting the appropriation bills to the house with the utmost dispatch."

"I am confident also that the members of both branches of congress realize how important it is that all the appropriation bills pass at this session, and I believe we will get through with our appropriation program in time. There will be, it is true, a number of important measures which have passed one house or the other, which will not become law. We are concentrating all our time to complete the appropriation work."

WAKE FOREST QUITS FLOOR

WASHINGTON, Va., Feb. 19.—With the first of the season, the Wake Forest team from the floor, today forfeiting the game. Reason for Coach White's action was not stated.

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