

### Main Points Of Harding's Message

President Harding's principal recommendations to Congress, in his first annual address delivered Tuesday, included the following, as given by the Associated Press.

**Foreign relations**—No separate peace with Germany "on the assumption alone that this would be adequate." "The wiser course would seem to be \* \* \* to engage under the existing treaty, assuming, of course, that this can be satisfactorily accomplished by such explicit reservations and modifications as will secure our absolute freedom of inadvisable commitments and safeguard all our essential interests. \* \* \* No helpful society of nations can be founded on justice and committed to peace until the covenants re-establishing peace are sealed by the nations which were at war."

**Taxation**—Readjustment of internal taxes and revision or repeal "of those taxes which have become unproductive and are so artificial and burdensome as to defeat their own purpose."

**Tariff**—Instant tariff enactment "emergency in character and understood by our people that it is for the emergency only."

**Railroads**—Efficient operation "at a cost within that which the traffic can bear. \* \* \* Railway rates and costs of operation must be reduced. \* \* \* The remaining obstacles which are the heritage of capitalistic exploitation must be removed and labor must join management in understanding that the public, which pays, is the public to be saved and simple justice is the right and will continue to be the right of all the people."

**Good Roads**—The strengthening of laws governing Federal aid.

**Merchant Marine**—"The United States means to establish and maintain a great merchant marine."

**Communications**—"Private monopolies tending to prevent the development of needed facilities should be prohibited. Government owned facilities wherever possible without unduly interfering with private enterprise or government needs, should be made available for general usages."

**Aviation**—Regulation by the Federal government and encouragement of aviation for development for military and civil purposes.

**Service Men**—"The American people expect Congress unflinchingly to voice the gratitude of the republic in a generous and practical way to its defenders in the world war." The immediate extension and utilization of government hospital facilities to "bring relief to the acute conditions most complained of."

**Public Welfare**—Co-ordination of various government agencies, now working on the subject and endorsement of the pending maternity bill.

**Lynching**—"Congress ought to wipe the stain of barbaric lynching from the banners of a free and orderly representative democracy. A proposal for a commission with representatives of white and black races to study and report on the subject," the President said, "has real merit."

**Army and Navy**—Early consideration of pending appropriation bills was urged. "The government is in accord with the wish to eliminate the burdens of heavy armament," said the President. "The United States will ever be in harmony with such movements of peace. But we shall not entirely discard our agencies for defense until there is removed the need to defend. We are ready to cooperate with other nations to approximate disarmament but merest prudence forbids that we disarm alone."

#### Death and Funeral of Aunt Rhoda Carlyle

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Please allow me space in your paper to say that we attended the funeral of aunt Rhoda Carlyle, who departed this life April 10. She was about 74 years old. She spent her life in real service to her community. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. D. Mitchell, assisted by Rev. J. D. Harrell of Lumberton. The pastor chose for his text John 11: 25-26 Rev. Mitchell handled his text in such a way until all of our hearts rejoiced while he spoke to us out of God's word. The funeral was well attended by both white and colored. I never in all my life heard so many good things said as was said by aunt Rhoda's white friends when they were called upon to speak, respecting the life she lived in her community. Among the many things that was said, they said aunt Rhoda Carlyle was one among the best women in her community.

Mr. E. Biggs, Mr. Humphrey and others made timely remarks, which were enjoyed by all. Mr. Dennis Biggs, a young white man, assisted in laying away the remains. Please allow me to say that the impression made will never die and also that the flowers that were spread over her grave were marvelous. The music was rendered by Mr. McNeill, of Lumberton and others. We sympathize with those whom she left to mourn the loss of a good mother.

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#### REPUBLICAN SENATE LEADERS APPROVE MESSAGE

Both "Irreconcilables" and "Reservationists" Pleased With Rejection of League.

General approval of President Harding's declarations in his first message to Congress Tuesday that the United States could have no part in the present League of Nations and that the state of war should be ended by congressional resolution, was expressed by Republican Senate leaders both of the "irreconcilable" and "reservationist" groups, states a Washington dispatch, which continues:

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, who led the long fight for reservations to the treaty of Versailles, said he "was

extremely pleased" the message, which he declared "separates us from the league and approves passage of the Knox resolution."

Senators Johnson, of California, and Borah, of Idaho, leaders of the "irreconcilables" expressed gratification that the President had definitely rejected the present league and had declared for restoration of peace by congressional action. They expressed doubt, however, that the treaty of Versailles with the league covenant excluded could be put into shape for ratification—a possibility suggested by Mr. Harding.

Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, acting Democratic leader, who led the Wilson forces in the Senate for ratification of the treaty and league expressed disappointment at the President's message. He declared that by

refusing to enter the league, the United States has refused to take part in the effort to stabilize the social, business and governmental conditions of the world, without which, he said, there could be neither a revival of business nor prosperity.

"I am wondering," Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, said in a statement tonight, "what the thousands of independent voters and pro-league Republicans who were assured or insisted that the best way to have America get into the League of Nations and have the treaty of Versailles ratified was through the election of Harding as President, have to say."

"What the President said about the league suited me," was the comment of Senator Reed, of Missouri, a Democratic treaty "irreconcilable."

Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, said he was pleased to "welcome the President to the folds of the irreconcilables."

Senator Poindexter, Republican, Washington, said the plan for an association of nations "still was in a nebulous state."

Senator Kellogg, of Minnesota, Republican "mild reservationist," declared the President would "be able to work out an association of nations and a peace program that will be satisfactory to all."

Mrs. K. M. Barnes and small son, Horace Barnes, and Mrs. W. W. Parker spent Tuesday in Charlotte. Recorder Jno. S. Butler of St. Paul, was among the visitors in town yesterday.

### MOTHER'S FRIEND

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Women from several Johnston county towns met in Smithfield Thursday and formed a county-wide organization to be known as the "Woman's Law Enforcement League." A movement to put a stop to the illicit sale of whiskey is on foot among both men and women and this league was formed to assist in the work.



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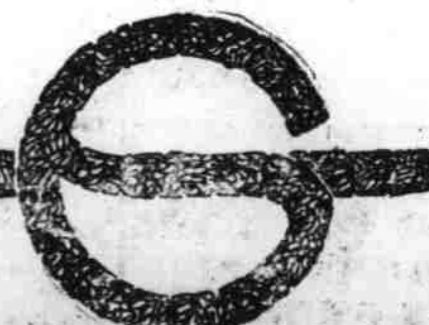
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