

Slump of Influence of the Presidency in Harding's First Year

By David F. St. Clair
Washington, March 1.—Warren G. Harding has been in the White House one year. No President in time of peace ever entered upon the duties of his office with such tremendous responsibilities and such boundless opportunities for personal leadership.

The great war had made the United States the dominant moral and financial power of the world and the President the first citizen of the universe. No monarch in modern times had ever been accorded such heartfelt homage as Woodrow Wilson had received in Europe after the

armistice. It was a tribute more to his commanding position than to the man himself, for no man on this planet ever wielded such stupendous power as he did backed by the American people.

But the war had not endangered the American constitution; it had not exalted President Wilson at the expense of Congress, as Senator Lodge had asserted. It had morally exalted the American people and their government, Congress as well as the presidency, if they chose to meet their moral obligations to the world. But when victory over Germany was in sight a majority of the American people, so constituted by disloyal German and Irish elements, at once became moral and political slackers and prevented the party that had conducted the war from making peace. Such a thing had never before occurred in American history. The Republicans have constantly boasted of this unprecedented event. Senator Lodge rolled it under his tongue in his recent speech before the Massachusetts legislature in Boston. President Harding has become the chief personal heir to this momentous reaction in American idealism, and instead of seizing and shaping the great events of the last year with enlightened vision and a fluid imagination, he has suffered these events to prod and drive him into the position he has finally taken.

Mr. Harding has resisted practically every move that has brought any credit to his administration. What he calls the greatest achievement of his first year in the White House, the work of the arms conference, was forced upon him. First by a combination of Democrats and farm bloc Republicans in congress, a reduction of a third to a fourth both in personal and in appropriations for the army and the navy was determined upon in spite of the President, his war and navy secretaries and the Old Guard. The President exercised the whole power of his office for weeks to prevent the naval committee of the senate from reporting out Senator Borah's resolution for the

limitation of the navy. When it finally got to the House he again employed every power he possessed to kill it.

When the scope of the arms conference had been broadened by Secretary Hughes and its success had become a promising reality, the President to those who were on the inside appeared as a pathetic figure before the conference. He actually had Senator McCormick issue a statement that the President and not his secretary of state had inspired the course of the conference but a few days later he was compelled to make a humiliating confession that he did not know that his own delegates interpreted the Four Power treaty as including the islands of Japan proper.

Mr. Harding is the first President who by his opposition has given vitality to a farm bloc in his own party in Congress. With a Democratic President and a Democratic Congress a farm bloc is inconceivable. Mr. Harding went to the Senate and tried to get it to adjourn so as to put to sleep one of the chief measures of the farm bloc, the revival of the War Finance corporation and the extension of credits to the farmers. He did so put the soldiers' bonus to sleep for months and is still fighting it. A farm bloc would not last a week under a leadership like Roosevelt's. Wilson carried the bloc in his pocket but with Harding the farm bloc has transferred the leadership of the American people from the White House to the Congress.

The great trouble with Mr. Harding is that he has never given the American people a single thrill or exalted emotion since he became President. With his known opposition to many of the measures of Congress, he has never had the nerve to write a veto. The irreconcilable Senators now offer him the bitter draught they sought in vain to get Woodrow Wilson to drink. They are demanding the practical annihilation of the Four Power treaty and that huge torso in the White House is beginning to show some slight evidence that it is supported by a stalwart spinal column. Let the poor man not forget Andrew Jackson and Grover Cleveland sat in that same room.

Simmons' Bonus Victory.
The Republicans have at last been compelled to accept Senator Simmons' proposal to pay the ex-service men a bonus out of the interest money of the war debt of the foreign nations due the United States. Senator Simmons single-handed fought for this plan before the Senate finance committee. At first there seemed to be a tacit agreement among Republican members of the committee to accept the plan. Then word came from Harding and Mellon not to report out the funding debt bill with the Simmons' amendment attached.

The North Carolina Senator straightway carried his fight for the amendment to the senate floor in a speech practically challenging the party cross the aisle to vote his amendment down. He told the leaders if they did they might expect the November election to be a day of suicide for them. But of course they voted him down.

Rep. Frear, a distinguished Republican farm bloc member of the House ways and means committee, took Simmons' speech as a text and threw down the gauntlet of battle to Joe Fordney and Nick Longworth in the committee. Almost word for word he used the argument of the North Carolina Senator and forced the Old Guard to surrender.

It is another farm bloc triumph which Harding, Lodge and McCormick will catalogue as another great Republican achievement. But it was none other than Simmons who fur-

nished the men of the far bloc with the light and illumination to carry the day and give to the ex-service men compensation out of the money that came out of the pockets of the American people in the war. It is to Simmons more than to any other man in this country that not only the ex-service men but the American people themselves owe a debt of gratitude for cutting the gordian knot in the bonus problem.

Some \$250,000,000 of the interest on this debt can be collected by October next, but the Republicans now, since they must pay the bonus by this plan, hope to hurry up a payment of \$125,000,000 by next June so as to be sure of reaping the benefit of the achievement in time for the fall election.

God only knows what the Republicans would have done and where the ex-service men could have gotten their money if Simmons had not urged his wise and equitable solution of the problem. But the Republicans are determined that he shall receive no credit for showing them the way. Every avenue of publicity that they can control will be ordered to suppress his name in connection with the bonus achievement. They are going to take no chances in stealing his thunder. But the ex-service men will receive a bonus, the American people will not be taxed for it and Simmons will at least have the laugh on the gang in the senate who voted his amendment down with a feeling of triumph.

Cape Fear Bridge at Elizabethtown
The highway commission has committed itself to bridging rivers to connect up the state's highways, now being constructed without any let-up at all. No activity in North Carolina is greater than that of road building. At Raleigh Wednesday, Commissioner W. A. McGirt, of the third district, embracing the Cape Fear section, announced that the commission had authorized the following projects in the Wilmington territory:

A hard surfaced road from Maxton to the junction with Red Springs, 3 1/2 miles in length.

A hard surfaced road from Leland through Brunswick to the Columbus county line.

A sand-asphalt highway from Scotts Hill through Pender county. Ten miles of soil road from Castle Hayne towards Clinton.

A bridge at Elizabethtown across the Cape Fear river.

All these projects are of immediate concern to Wilmington. The Brunswick-Leland project is part of the Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville Highway, and the Scotts Hill and Castle Hayne-Clinton projects are right at our doors.

The significant item in the projects authorized is the commission highway bridge to be thrown across the Cape Fear about 45 miles from Wilmington. The people of Bladen and all that whole section will go way up in the clouds in the height of their elation over the fact that the southern and northern portions of the county, cleaved by the Cape Fear, are to be linked together by a bridge. A story in The Star about two years ago concerned the ambitious plans of the Bladen people and their aspirations for a bridge at Elizabethtown to give them a highway outlet to Clinton and Burgaw and thence northward, and from Elizabethtown southward.

Should the highways be linked up southward from Elizabethtown to the South Carolina line, as they practically are now from the north side of the Cape Fear, at Elizabethtown, to and beyond Clinton to Goldsboro, it is quite possible for automobile tourists travel to pass down that route through North Carolina on its way to Florida and points south.

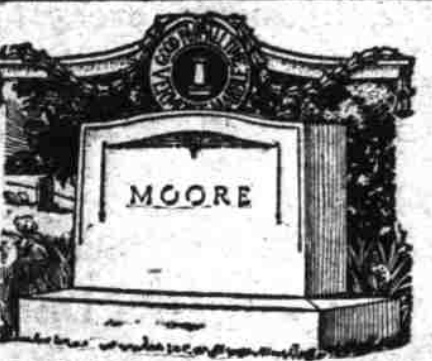
That would be a highway shortcut for tourists travel, and Wilmington would be cut out in about the same fashion as the Atlantic Coast Line's "short cut" railroad from Wilton to Florence eliminated Wilmington from vestibuled tourists trains from New York to Florida. Before the short cut of the Coast Line was built, tourists trains used to come through Wilmington.—Wilmington Star.

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Growing Health In the Home Garden

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The home garden can help raise the standard of public health by increasing the amount of green leafy vegetables in the diet, according to the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, which advocates an increase of home gardens this year.

Vegetables have taken on additional importance through the recent discovery of vitamins, unknown a few years ago. Their presence in fresh vegetables has emphasized the need of a more varied diet if health is to be maintained in adults, and growth promoted in children.

A recent circular, number 122, issued by the Agricultural Extension Service at Raleigh, says that deficiency diseases often result from starvation for one or another of the three essential vitamins, and it is necessary for the good health of man that the diet contain all three of these.

Dr. Goldberger, of the U. S. Public Health Service, has done notable work in the study of the relation of the diet to pellagra in the South. He has called attention to the fact that the diet of the pellagrins consists essentially of degerminated cereal grains, starch, sugar, sweet potatoes, and fat pork, a very small amount of green leafy vegetables being consumed, and practically no milk. He has changed the food of the inmates of institutions where pellagra was serious; and found both that a proper diet leads to the eradication of the disease and that the liberal use of leafy vegetables and milk prevents the occurrences of it.

OUT ROZIER WAY

New Folks Moving In—Girls Playing Basketball—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Rozier (St. Paul, R. 2), March 1.—Messrs. Hubert Holder and Northrop Harrell went to Ten-Mile Sunday.

Mr. Matthew Humphrey of the Saddle Tree section was in this community Sunday.

Messrs. D. S. Carlyle, K. E. Harrell, Mrs. R. B. Tolar and Miss Mamie Harrell were in Lumberton yesterday.

Glad to report Mr. A. H. Holder improved.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Tolar attended church at Renner Sunday.

Mr. Northrop and Miss Mamie Harrell spent Friday night at the home of their uncle Mr. C. D. Johnson of St. Pauls, R. 1.

We are glad to have some "new folks" in our community. Someone unknown to the writer has moved into the house that Mr. Maston Britt has just vacated and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baggett have moved in here also.

Rev. Lee Humphrey filled his regular appointments here Saturday and Sunday, preaching able sermons both days.

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Whereas, S. B. McLean, Solicitor of this, the Ninth Judicial District of North Carolina, composed of Robeson, Cumberland, Bladen and Hoke counties, has stated that he will not be a candidate for that office at the expiration of his present term; and,

Whereas, Robeson county, in the person of Mr. McLean, has had the solicitorship during the last eight years, Cumberland furnishing the solicitor for the eight years prior thereto, and Bladen, in the person of Judge C. C. Lyon, has furnished the judge of the District for the past sixteen years, and Cumberland now has two candidates for the judge to succeed the present incumbent, who has announced his intention of retiring at the end of this term; and,

Whereas, E. S. Smith of this Bar has announced that he will be a candidate to succeed Mr. McLean as Solicitor, thus being the first candidate that Hoke has ever presented for any judicial office in the District;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved that we endorse the candidacy of E. S. Smith, not only because in view of the circumstances above set forth, we think it fair that Hoke should have the office, but also because we know Mr. Smith to be an unusually capable lawyer and in every way competent to fill the important position of Solicitor.

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