

# HARDING STARTS OUT WITH HOODOO, DEMOCRATS THINK

### Selects Publisher of Washington Post As Chairman For Inauguration

### HOBNOBS WITH HARVEY ANOTHER WILSON ENEMY

### "Ned" McLean Stands High Socially But Inexperienced In Political Matters; State Highway Commissioner Page Optimistic Over The Road Outlook

The News and Observer Bureau 603 District National Bank Bldg. By R. E. POWELL. (By Special Leased Wire) Washington, Dec. 16.—A great many Democrats and not a few Republicans are tonight wondering if the Harding administration isn't going to get started with a "hoodoo" as the result of the selection of Edward R. McLean, owner of the Washington Post, as head of the inaugural committee which will have charge of the ceremonies attendant upon the entry of the President-elect into office March 4.

No selection that could have been made would have caused quite as much gossip as has the naming of McLean, and yet, it might be said that it was expected and in some quarters actually feared. The very nature of the appointment intimately personal, suggests that McLean will be very close to the next President which is, figuratively speaking, a marked contradiction to his relations with the Wilson administration.

Not only are folks asking "what does Mr. Harding mean?" by the announcement that McLean will have supervision over the inaugural arrangements but his choice by the President-elect has served to strongly focus attention of the company Mr. Harding has been keeping in Marion for the past several days, notably Col. George Harvey, the editor whose paper carried the "Immaculate Conception" cartoon in the campaign.

Both Opponents of Wilson. Messrs. McLean and Harvey, powerful in their respective spheres, have been conspicuous during the eight years of Woodrow Wilson's administration for their bitter hatred of the President. The publications of both have at all times been the raucous critics of the Administration and of late the most severe opponents of the League or any kind of a League or association. Colonel Harvey, since he has been at Marion, has evolved some sort of a scheme for underwriting an association of peoples but that is about as close as he has gotten to the League of Nations.

McLean is known in Washington as "Ned" McLean. The family is known as "the Ned McLeans." The publisher is wealthy, popular club and society man but he has never been a heavy-weight in the political world. He is a great devotee of Pimlico and Bowie and other race tracks and right now is the defendant in a large damage suit growing out of horse racing.

# TWO KILLED IN RACE RIOT AT INDEPENDENCE, KAN.

Independence, Kan., Dec. 16.—One white boy and one negro were killed and three men probably were fatally wounded in rioting here tonight following an all-day search for a negro who held up and killed a suburban grocer. Late tonight Chief of Police E. N. Hall said he had the situation under control, but that he had already appealed to Governor Allen for State troops.

The trouble, according to officials, was the result of excitement over the shooting here early today of R. E. Wharton, a white grocer, who was killed at his place of business early today by a negro.

The negro was captured by a posse late today and placed in jail here. Early this evening crowds of whites and negroes began congregating in the downtown streets. Suddenly a shot was fired. The crowds rushed toward each other and the shooting became promiscuous. Rifles, revolvers and shot guns were used.

Wharton was killed in his store early today by a negro who escaped with about \$200. Shortly afterward the alarm was spread and hundreds of men gathered hurriedly, some of them armed, to find the robber. The search kept up for hours without any definite results. Race feeling was stirred up by the insistence of the searchers in trying to find the slayer of Wharton in the houses of other negroes.

Various minor clashes resulted from the aggressiveness of the man hunt and open violence broke out in the evening. Shots were fired in many of the streets and houses were punctured with the bullets, the struggle becoming more violent with each succeeding volley.

All sorts of weapons were brought into play by both sides and the streets were lighted by the flange of fire arms while men and even women and children rushed through the thoroughfares in the negro quarter shouting and shouting. By 9 o'clock reports of three deaths had been brought to police headquarters and the fighting had extended in some cases outside the city limits with whites in pursuit of negroes. The negroes seemed to have few fire arms and rushed about in panic, seeking to escape. Reports to the police, however, indicated that the negroes had fired on whites in several instances.

Most of the population of Independence, which has 13,000 inhabitants, obeyed the orders of the police to remain in their homes to avoid stirring up further trouble.

# DISASTROUS BLAZE CAUSES DAMAGE OF OVER TWO MILLION

### Fire at New Orleans Damages Floating Dry Dock and Three Ships

### ELECTRIC FEED WIRE STARTS CONFLAGRATION

### No Loss of Life But Number of Minor Injuries To Fire Fighters and Workmen; Heavy Pall of Smoke From Burning Structures Makes Suppressing Flames Difficult

New Orleans, La., Dec. 16.—Destruction of the Jahncke drydocks and damage to three large ships anchored near by, caused by a spectacular fire here this afternoon will entail a loss of something like two million dollars, officials estimate tonight. Although a number of minor injuries to fire fighters and workmen at the docks were reported, early reports of loss of life were not sustained by later investigations. Only three vessels were damaged to any extent, although a number were in danger from the flames. Several were towed to safety before the fire reached them.

The heavy pall of smoke from the burning structures made fire fighting difficult and for a time it was impossible to determine how many ships were burning, first reports stating that no less than ten were doomed to destruction. The flames were started by the breaking of an electric wire underneath the wharf. The broken wire fell into the river, the surface of which was covered with oil, spilled from a tanker. As soon as it touched, the oil-covered water was short-circuited with a roar and a flash, the latter igniting the pool of oil, which sent a sheet of flame into the oil-soaked timbers of the wharf.

Damage to shipping was confined to the steamers Dillwyn, Ravington and Dade County. The damage to the steamer John Adams only reported destroyed was slight. Estimates of officials distribute the damages, a large amount of which is covered by insurance, as follows: Wharf and equipment, \$600,000; Docks, \$800,000; steamer Dillwyn, \$60,000; steamer Ravington, \$4,000; steamer Dade County, \$150,000.

# FOUR AMERICANS DIE IN RIOT AT MANILA

### Disturbance Occurs Between Enlisted Filipinos and Manila Police

Manila, Dec. 16.—Eleven men, four Americans and seven Filipinos, were killed here last night during a riot within the walled city between enlisted men of the Filipino constabulary and the Manila police.

The Americans killed were Capt. of Police W. E. Wichmann, Patrolman Albert H. Troge and John W. Driscoll, and Augustus Jacuman, field clerk of the United States army. Fifty shots were fired when forty constabulary men sought to avenge the shooting of a constabulary man by the Filipino police.

Gov. Gen. Francis Burton Harrison and Brigadier General Rafael Crame, Filipino chief of the constabulary, took active steps to quell the rioting. The governor found the armed constabulary congregated at the Walled City and advised them to return to their barracks and instructed General Crame to hold all the constabulary in the barracks. Disorders ceased upon the arrival of General Crame, who placed members of the constabulary involved in the shooting under arrest and announced they would be tried before civil courts.

# STAGNANT CONDITIONS IN AUSTRIA SHOWN



The above photograph tells the story of conditions in Austria today better than could a 500-page book. It shows unemployed men in Vienna lounging about the streets waiting for nothing in particular—just lounging.

# Plan Tariff Legislation To Give Farmers Relief

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### WOULD ACT AS EMBARGO ON IMPORTS INTO U. S.

### Congressional Leaders To Rush Through Emergency Protective Program

Washington, Dec. 16.—Somewhere, perhaps leagues deep, beneath the rolling blue of the Atlantic and forever hidden from the eyes of man, the earth's crust was torn and twisted today by a titanic convulsion. For hours the earth's surface shuddered under the feet of its heedless millions. Force waves thousands of miles in length swept outward from that storm center like ripples on a rock broken pool. Yet only the unrelenting seismograph noted it and inscribed a mute record for watchful scientists who guard them.

First word of the disturbance came from Georgetown University here. When the Rev. Father Francis A. Tondorf, director of the seismographic observatory, peered at his delicate mechanism this morning it told him of a shock more severe than any recorded in the last two years. Somewhere the power beneath was still bulging at the earth crust, holding it in check.

Experienced observer that he is, Father Tondorf classed the record of his instruments as that of a "terrible" shock. It began soon after 7 o'clock this morning here, reaching its greatest intensity towards 8 o'clock and was followed by a wavering, diminishing trail after noon as the earth slowly settled to quiet. It was estimated the distance from Washington was 2,800 miles.

First impressions were indistinct, while records of great disturbances in South or Central America have been recorded sharply and clearly at the observatory. It might have been, the scientist said, a submarine disturbance, a new mountain peak flung up under the waves. There was no way to judge, he added. The distance eastward would place the scene not far from the Azores, but no word of an earthquake came from any quarter.

# TO MAKE PAPER FROM SAW GRASSES IN THE EVERGLADES

Miami, Fla., Dec. 16.—Announcement was made here today by W. B. O'Neal, fiscal agent for the Grass Fibre Pulp and Paper Corporation, that the mill making paper pulp from the everglades saw grasses will be in operation within two months.

# LEAGUE ADDS FOUR NEW COUNTRIES TO MEMBERSHIP ROLL

### Bulgaria, Finland, Luxemburg and Costa Rica Bring Total Members To 46

### ARMENIAN SITUATION SUBJECT FOR DEBATE

### Assembly Wishes President Wilson Good Luck In Mediation In Behalf of Armenia; French Delegates Abstain From Voting For Admitting Bulgaria

Geneva, Dec. 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—The League of Nations increased its membership to 46 states, today by the admission of Bulgaria, Finland, Luxemburg and Costa Rica. None of them met with opposition, but there was some abstention from voting, led by French delegates, who explained that, although they held no grievance against Bulgaria, they lacked sufficient information and preferred not to act either way.

Armenia came up again today to trouble the assembly. To do something for Armenia has appeared to be the slogan of several members since the beginning of the meeting, including leading figures such as Lord Robert Cecil, who represents South Africa in the Assembly. The committee on the admission of new states having decided that Armenia could not be admitted now, Lord Robert asked the assembly at least to hold out the hope that Armenia will be adopted into the family of nations next year and to wish well to President Wilson in his mission of mediation between the Armenians and Turkish nationalists.

Suggests Investigation. Edward D. Millen, of Australia, suggested it might be wise to find out whether it was true Armenia had gone with Bolshevik and had made peace with Mustapha Kamal Pasha, the Nationalist leader, before instituting further on the proposal of mediation. George Nicol Barnes, of the English delegation, asked whether it would not be wise to drop the whole subject rather than risk a vote. If the vote should be negative, he declared, it would be like a slap in the face to Armenia; if favorable, it might prove to be without tangible results.

The assembly involved itself in a tangle of procedure which Rene Viviani, of France, as usual, unraveled by the simple suggestion to send the whole question back to the committee, which, of course, would be unable to report at this assembly.

Pass On Applications. The entire afternoon was occupied in holding out hope to Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia, whose applications for admission were rejected by the committee. These states found advocates in delegates Brestrepe, of Colombia; Schaner, of Italy; and Prince Dowieh, of Poland. M. Viviani said: "I join all those who express sympathy with, or hope for, the Baltic states, but there is a grave question involved. There is an article in the covenant which has made some noise in the world—Article Ten—which requires the members of the league to go to the aid of a fellow member who is attacked. Now who will be ready to go to the aid of the defense of those Baltic states? Let those who vote to admit them first make sure their governments are ready to send troops to defend them."

On the roll-call Estonia was rejected by 27 votes out of the 35 cast. Latvia and Lithuania each received five votes out of 29.

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# BUREAU STATEMENT ON COTTON SEED CRUSHED

Washington, Dec. 16.—Cotton seed crushed during the period August 1 to November 30 amounted to 1,492,919 tons, compared with 1,716,946 a year ago, and seed on hand at mills November 30 was 581,806 tons, compared with 782,751 a year ago, the Census Bureau announced today.

Cotton seed products manufactured during that period—and on hand November 30 was: Crude oil produced, 465,810,463 pounds compared with 529,891,678 a year ago; on hand 166,281,203 pounds, compared with 149,185,556. Refined oil produced 396,654,671 pounds, compared with 315,715,006; on hand 195,204,263 pounds, compared with 136,429,265. Cake and meal produced 637,616 tons, compared with 781,555; on hand 229,009 tons, compared with 197,217. Linters produced 185,596 bales, compared with 248,994; on hand 229,737, compared with 228,528. Exports of linters were 7,344 bales.

# LIPPARD MURDER TRIAL CONTINUES

### Defense Places Two Witnesses On Stand To Prove Alibis For Defendants

### SOLICITOR HAMMERS ON TESTIMONY OF TWO MEN

Morganton, Dec. 16.—The Lippard murder trial made much headway today in the examination of witnesses for the defense but even with rapid work it is probable that the taking of evidence will last through Friday and probably Saturday. It cannot be learned whether the defendants themselves either one or all of them will be put on the stand. If they should be, the case is sure to run into next week.

Marshall Cook says he was with State's Principal Witness On Night of Tragedy; Baxter Hildebrand Claims To Have Been With Lone Young On Same Night

His testimony the most important of the morning was in substance as follows: He had joined Coy Hodges, Jim Williams and Lou Lynn at Rhodhis that Saturday night and had gone with them to Burn town, where they built a fire and stayed sometime. Two boys out hunting came up and while they were there the party had some whiskey? They left about 10 o'clock, telling the boys to put out the fire and had gone on back to Rhodhis. Cook left the automobile, he swore, at the Rhodhis bridge.

This story sounded all right for the defense until the cross-examination began. The witness had to admit that he had been with Lou on previous occasions, in fact rather frequently, that on the Monday after the murder he had gone over to Hildebrand for her in his car and by an agreement with Martin Glazebrook and others had taken her to Rhodhis. He saw her again that following Wednesday and took her back to Henry river. His first confusion appeared when the Solicitor tried to get him to say that on these occasions he had told Lou he didn't want to hear of her being mixed up with this affair, that it would be best for her to get out of the country, that the whole bunch would swear she was with them on Saturday night and that it would be best for her to swear to that, too.

The tense moment of the examination came when with Cook still on the stand, the Solicitor called H. H. Bumgartner and asked the witness the direct question, "Did you not tell Mr. Bumgartner on the day of the preliminary examination that it would be best for her to sign libels?" Cook stammered, around, appeared not

# ASKS COOLIDGE TO SIT WITH CABINET

### Harding Serenaded By Hendersonville Boosters, Who Extend Invitation

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 16.—Vice-President-elect Coolidge was formally invited today by President-elect Harding to sit in the cabinet consultations and take an active part in shaping the policies of the coming administration.

The invitation was extended at a conference here at which Mr. Harding's suggestion the two talked over in detail the question of cabinet appointments and planned for an association of nations and many other problems involved in the assumption of executive authority next March.

Governor Coolidge indicated that he would accept gladly such responsibility as his chief might suggest, and after the conference both expressed warmest gratification over the results of their talk. The Vice-President-elect declared that he was particularly pleased with the progress made in the conferences here and predicted that Mr. Harding would work out an agreement behind which the American people could stand united.

# ACT OF COURTESY COSTS CAMP BRAGG MAN HIS LIFE

### Freightville, Dec. 16.—Kirby F. Saunders, of Wilmington, a rejected recruit for the United States Army, lost his life as the result of an act of courtesy on his part on the Camp Bragg road yesterday afternoon.

Saunders was sent to the recruiting depot here after enlistment in Wilmington but failed to pass the physical examination at Camp Bragg. He was being brought back to the recruiting station in this city together with a number of accepted recruits, the party riding in an army truck, when the lat of one of the young men blew off. Saunders jumped off the truck to get the hat. He was struck by one of the wheels and knocked under the heavy truck.

The young man's father was expected here from Wilmington today, and the body will be carried to that city for burial.

# MOB RESPONDS TO AD FOR TWENTY-FIVE MEN

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 16.—A contracting firm advertised for twenty-five men today and such a large crowd responded that a detail of police had to be summoned to maintain order. Applicants for work were asked to call at 4 o'clock. Those chosen were sent to Lakeside, N. J., where a hanger for the navy is being constructed.

# TY COBB LEAVES FOR CONFERENCE AT N. Y.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 16.—After spending several days here with his family, following his return from a post-season series in California, Ty Cobb left today for New York to keep an appointment with the owner of the Tigers.

Walls going extensively to discuss matters pertaining to the signing of players for the Detroit team. It is an open secret here that Cobb's confidence is to be mainly in reference to his becoming manager of the Tigers next year, a matter which he has under advisement.

# ROBBERS KILL ONE MAN AND SECURE JEWELRY IN N. Y. OFFICE BUILDING

New York, Dec. 16.—Three masked robbers entered the rooms of a jewelry concern on the eighth floor of an office building in the heart of the Fifth Avenue shopping district this afternoon, shot and killed Edwin W. Andrews, a member of the firm, bound and gagged three other men and escaped with jewels valued at \$100,000.

Stepping from the crowds of Christmas shoppers passing the building, located between 44th and 45th streets in the center of a group of department stores, banks and exclusive shops, the men took the elevator to the floor upon which Andrews' firm has offices. Mr. Andrews was alone.

# "LANDSOWNE" WAS NOT THE HOME OF LORD DUNMORE

Richmond, Va., Dec. 16.—"Landsowne," the old Tinsley home, destroyed by fire Tuesday, which place was erroneously reported in dispatches from Newport News last night as being the country residence of Lord Dunmore, last colonial governor of Virginia, was never occupied by him, according to information received here from Williamsburg today. The Dunmore country house, known as "Porto Bello" is still standing.

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