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HARDING WILL CALL SPECIAL

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Lowden's Availability Discussed at Marion Today -Will Probably Be in Administration.

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, Jan. 17.—Presidentelect Harding has practically decided to call a special session of the new congress on April 4, members of the house ways and means committee were informed today by Chairman Fordney who has just returned from a conference with Mr. Harding at Marion.

Mr. Fordney's conference with the President-elect was over general taxation and tariff matters which will be the more important subjects before the special session of the new congress. The chair-man, it is understood, told Mr. Harding that the date of the special session had a direct bearing on the tariff revision hearings which the committee is now considering and, it is said, that Mr. Harding informed him that 'April 4 was practically decided upon definitely.

Lowden for Diplomatic Post.

Marion, Ohio, Jan. 17.-Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois and leading candidate last year for the Republican presiden-tial nomination, was called into tial nomination, was called into consultation by President-elect Harding to discuss problems of the coming administration

It is understood that the question of the cabinet and diplomatic appointments was one of the things to be discussed at the conference with attention centering on the availability of Mr. Lowden himself for service in some high governmental position. He has been mentioned for various cabinet portfolios and diplomatic misions especially the latter.

Turiff Bill Presented to Senate.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 17.—The

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 17.—Seizure of

automobiles and other conveyances Georgia.

by J. G. Goldsmith which was loan-ed by him to another and in which West in his confession, accordintoxicating liquors were transported illegally. The government contended he entrusted his property to another and assumed the risk of loss from whatever cause and was upheld by the court.

TEXTILE MILLS INCREASE WORK

(By The Associated Press)

Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 17 .- An extention of time schedule announced as a reflection of improvement in business is reported in several textile mills today. The Jenks spinning company employing 2,500 after being closed last week resumed operations with several departments on four and five day schedules. The Loray manufacturing company employing 2,000 changed from a three day week to a five day schedule. The Weypoyset company employing 1,000 began a five and a half day schedule after operating some departments three and others four days a week.

The Loray manufactory is still in jail here where he is being held as a witness.

Springer with the 7 men arrested tonight will be sent to Jaspan a five and a half day schedule after operating some departments three and others four days a week. after operating some departments three and others four days a week.

TO PROBE BALLOON FLIGHTS OF LIEUTS.

(By The Associated Press) Rockaway, N. Y., Jan. 17.—The naval board of inquiry appointed by Secretary of the Navy Daniels met here today to begin investigation of the balloon flight of Lieut. Kloor, Ferrell and Hinton and which took them on a hazardous trip into Northern Canada. Rear Admiral George Washington Kline is the presiding officer.

BANDITS KILL TWO R. R. OFFICIALS

Toledo, Jan. 17.—Six bandits killed two railroad officers here at noon today after holding up an automobile and siezing 312,000 belonging to the New York Central Railroad. Lewis Schroder and A. E. Long were killed in resisting the highwaymen. The bandits intercepted the automobile coming up town from the union depot bringing passenger fare receipts. Toledo, Jan. 17.-Six bandits

CONGRESSMAN DOUGHTON HERE MAKING UP REPLY TO DR. CAMPBELL \$75,000 ESTATE

Member of Congress From the Eighth District Begins Assembling Facts to Make Reply to the Contest Charges of Opponent.

larities in the recent congressional campaign in the Eighth district, was taken up serious today by Congressman Robert L. Doughton, who came to Salisbury to spend some time in making a complete canvass of the facts and making complete and overwhelming answer to the contest which the Republican candidate is preparing to wage for a seat in the lower house at Washington. Dr. Cambell was the regular Republican nominee for regular Republican nominee for The contest is being watched Congress last fall and made the with considerable interest, though fight against the present mem- it is not regarded as a very serious ber, R. L. Doughton. The proper one. Many Republicans have fail-papers have been filed, the mem- ed to enthuse over the contest, and papers have been filed, the mem-

of making up a detailed answer to charges made by his opponent, he was surrounded by an array of legal advisors headed by Walter T. Bickett, who left the governor's mansion a few days ago. Others who are legal advisors of the meminant of the conference a good many Demoker from the Eighth include cratic workers and poll holders ber from the Eighth include cratic workers and poll Messrs. R. L. Smith, of Albemarle, who are needed for giving infor-L. T. Hartsell, of Concord, Zeb V. mation which will be necessary and Long and Lewis of Statesville, and pertinent to the case.

The matter of answering the charges of Dr. Ike Campbell, of Norwood, that there were irregularities in the recent congression-larities in the recent congression-length of time to make a complete

ber who received the certificate of many do not believe that it will be election properly notified and the possible to unseat the present fight is on. When Mr. Doughton sat down tatives to pass on the contest is to the task of preparing his case, organized with a strong Republi-

problem, it is reported here.

Leaders of the militarist party insist that Japanese troops would remain in Siberia while the peace

party is seeking ways and means of abandoning any adventure which it is claimed is ruinously expensive and without hope of commenda-

ing to a Reuter's dispatch from Vladivostok.

Denies Son Was Married.

Boston, Jan. 17.—William C.
Langdon, father of Lieut. W. H.
Langdon, U. S. Navy, killed by a
Japanese sentry at Vladivostok a

week ago today scouted the re-port that his Russian wife had committed suicide after learning of his death. It was absurd, he

"My son was not married," he declared, "of that I am confident.

He was a man who respected all women yet had declared postively that he would never marry. I am sure he left no wife."

SAYS NEWS DISPATCH

London, Jan. 17 .-- A Central

News dispatch from Rigna dated Sunday says:

REVOLT IN PODOLIA

Members Co. M, Alabama Question of Japan With-Guard, Charged With drawing Her Troops Complicity in Lynching From Siberia Brought of Wm. Baird. to Front Again.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The house emergency tariff bill as amended by the finance committee was presented to the Senate today by Senator Penrose, committee will be convened here Monday at while time closus members of Committee will be convened here Monday at while time closus members of Committee will be convened here Monday at while time closus members of Committee will be convened here Monday at while time closus members of Committee will be convened here Monday at while time closus members of Committee will be convened here Monday at while time closus members of Committee will be convened here Monday at while time closus members of Committee will be convened here Monday at while time closus members of Committee will be convened here Monday at while time closus members of Committee will be convened here Monday at while time closus members of Committee will be convened here Monday at while time closus members of Committee will be convened here Monday at while time closus members of Committee will be convened here Monday at while time closus members of Committee will be convened here Monday at while time closus members of Committee will be convened here Monday at while time closus members of Committee will be convened here. Monday at the text of the American note protection with the text of the American note here to the text of the American note here. Monday at while time closus members of Committee will be convened to the text of the text of the text of the text of the text of

Judge Wilkerson, who arrived reducing, if not withdrawing, her eral. here today to assist Solicitor Ben- troops from the country where she nington and Coroner Legg, an- has no soverighty but the littoral nounced that the confession of of which is dominated by her miliwhich liquors are transported illegally was autholized whether or not the owner of the conveyance has been found innocent of contravening the law the supreme court held today in deciding a case from leorgia.

In the case at issue federal tigation of the case. The prosecution announced that the evidence agents seized an automobile owned was practically ready to be hand-

> ing to Judge Wilkerson, said the lynching party drove direct from the jail after Baird had bee seiz-ed to the cemetery on the Man-chester road where Prviate Morris, Baird's alleged victim, is buried. The party later passed be-yond the cometery to a lonely wood where Baird was shot ten times, members of the lynching squad taking turn in firing.

Every member of Company M was closely questioned by the investigating officers today as well as a number of civilians who re-side in the neighborhood where as a number of civilians who reside in the neighborhood where ivostok gave a version of the afthe lynching occurred. Clyde
Springer, member of the detachment who was taken into custody
on the day of the lynching but released Saturday night, was rearrested tonight. Leslie West, taxiash deliver is still bere sentry was rearment of the detachment, said a dispatch received by
the navy department today from
Admiral Gleaves at Manila. The

BURNED GEORGIA SHERIFF'S AUTO

(By The Associated Press)
Columbus, Ga., Jan. 17.—One
negro is under arrest and two
white men whose identity is known by officers are being hunted for the burning of Sheriff W. A. Betts' automobile, which was destroyed Alabama, yesterday afternoon, pre-ceeded by one of the biggest whis-key raids ever made by officers of Lee county.

OPPOSE ELECTION OF MR. GOMPERS

(By The Associated Press)
Mexico City, Jan. 17.—Opposition to Samuel Gompers' election as president of the Pan-American Federation of Labor developed here today at the annual convention of the organization when preparations were made for the election of officers.

Sunday says:

Moscow reports a serious peasant revolt has broken out in the government of Podolia, Ukraine, under the leadership of Colonel Titjunik. The soviet government fears the revolt spread in consequence of the unreat of the peasants over the refusal of the soviets to remedy numerous grisvances.

Coming Out As Result Murder Bigham Family in South Carolina.

(By The Associated Press)

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 17.—Investigation into the tragedy in Flor-mendation from Federal

Edmund Bigham, a brother of ner's investigation Sunday that he quor in this State. saw L. S. Bigham running from the home Saturday afternoon and later found his mother, Mrs. M. M. Bigham, his sister, Mrs. Margaret Black, and her two children, Mc-Cracken Nye and John McCracken, dead. At noon Sunday L. S. Big-ham's body was found in the woods

and members of the Bigham family signed his bond which the state has urged in the Brame letter as a not collected. All of the property means of breaking up the wholenot collected. All of the property was transferred to Mrs. J. Bogan Cain, a sister, whose name is not signed to the bond, but who died some months ago. Recently L. S. Bigham had been charged with an

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 17.— Tem-porarily insane and brooding over financial difficulties and embittered by family troubles in which an esby family troubles in which an estate worth probably \$75,000 was at stake L. S. Bigham Saturday afternoon, according to information received here from Florence, S. C., shot his mother, his sister and the latter's two adopted children and then sent. a bullet crashing thru his own brain. All were evidently killed instan::y except Mrs. Bigham, the man's mother, who lived a few minutes, and the oldest child, who died at 5 o'clock Sunday morning.

tions for a State constabulary for North Carolina.

The governor's attitude on "law enforcement" is well known. This particular subject was given precedence in his augural address and he believes that only the Volstead act but every law must be rigidly enforced. Friends of the Volstead act, however, should not get the impression that Governor Morrison is going to overlook all other laws in an effort to enforce the prohibition law. He will not. Governor Morrison's views up-

n nome live miles from Pamlico, Florence county. After slaying all in the house it is thought Bigham went to the woods surrounding the place and fired a bullet into his own brain. When his body was found at noon Sun-

Pamlico, S. C., Jan. 16.—Discovery today of the bodies of two othof members of the Bigham family revealed that the entire family, liv-

The impression exists here that Japan will insist upon solving the question her own way and at her own time if for no other reason than to assert the doctrine that she is paramount in the Far East.

Sentry Gives Version of Killing.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The Japanese sentry who shot Lieut. W. H. Langdon, chief engineer of the American cruiser Albany at Vladivostok gave a version of the afthe Bigham home, near a well; her est possibility of such a law at this daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Black; 35, time. was found lying in a pool of blood in her room on the second floor of TOBACCO MARKET the home with a bullet hole in her head; Mrs. Black's adopted son, 9 years of age, was found near the OVER TEN CEN back of the house, his forehead having been pierced by a bullet at close range; Mrs. Black's other L. S. Bigham, 40 years of age, son of Mrs. L. S. Bigham, was found today about 11 o'clock in the woods about one-half mile from the house, lying in an obscure spot, sugounded by bushes, with a wound in his right temple. His hand was holding a revolver in. which there were two bullets.

An inquest is being held but the

report of the jury has not been re-The family had long been promi-nent in this section of the state, the father having been a member of both branches of the South Carolina general assembly and at one time was a candidate for Congress. E. D. Bigham, brother of the dead man and his family, consisting of his wife and two children. had recently moved to South Carolina from Georgia or Alabama, and were occupying rooms in the home. They were out driving and no one seems to have witnessed the shooting. E. D. Bigham, returning about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, was the first on the scene and with the assistance of a rural mail car-rier, carried the body of Mrs. Bigham into the house.

Chief Justice White Absent

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, Jan. 17.—Chief Justice White was absent when the Supreme court convened its regular weekly "decisions today." It is said he has fully recovered from his recent illness but remained at home on the advice of his physician.

Sensational Evidence S. R. Brame, of the Federal Forces Urged State Constabulatory Day Bickett Retired.

(By MAX ABERNETHY)

ence county in which five members visor S. R. Brame, of the prohibiday is being conducted with a view some citizens that L. S. Big-the Volstead act in North Carolina petrate the crime. sire some legislative action the dead man, testified at the coro- curb the manufacture of illicit li-

While the letter written by Supervisor Brame was sent direct to Governor Bickett and reached his office on the day his successor was inducted into office it has never been made public but was turned over to a local newspaper. The letter called attention to North ham's body was found in the woods near the house.

An estate valued at \$75,000 is said to have been the cause of the trouble. Dr. Cleveland Bigham, a the violations of the liquor laws brother, is at large under sentence had increased more than one hun-of three years for killing his wife, dred per cent.

Immediate legislative action was sale liquor traffic, Supervisor Brame declaring that the Federal authorities were unable to cope with the situation.

Governor Morrison has never attempt to alter a record in the seen the letter. It reached the clerks office in connection with the transfer of the property to Mrs. Cain.

Bigham Temmporarily Insane Charleston, S. C., Jan. 17.— Tember 17.— Tembe the letter he could not intelligently comment upon the recommenda-tions for a State constabulary for

Governor Morrison's views up-The tragedy took place at the on law enforcement are summarenforced. The best and most effective way of doing this is thru local self-government. If the people in a particular community or locality are desirous of stamping out the manufacture and sale of his body was found at noon Sun-day his right hand still grasped the pistol.

Entire Family Dead.

Pamico S C Jan 16 Discov. sults than by a State or Federal

The Anti-Saloon forces in North revealed that the entire family, living about four miles from Pamlico, was wiped out some time Saturday afternoon, a total of five being ment law. Whether they will ask Mrs. L. S. Bigham, 60 years of known. Well informed members age, was shot thru the head and of the asembly who have been seen her body was found in the yard of do not believe there is the remotthe Bigham home near a well.

(By The Associated Press)

having been pierced by a bullet at close range; Mrs. Black's other adopted son, 5 years of age evidently tried to escape from his assailant, for he was found near a fence in the back yavi with a little of the close range; Mrs. Black's other 1920 crop of burley or cigarette tobacco in Central Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio was resumed today after a delay of 13 days due to the in the back yard with a bullet wound in his head. He died about 5 o'clock this morning. The body of the other members of the family, L. S. Bigham, 40 years of age, son of Mrs. L. S. Righam, was found in the market prices and been made by the market prices have been made by the manufacturers who purchase most of the crop.

The markets have been closed

since January 4 when growers vir-tually forced warehousemen to close their doors because of the low prices offered.

refuse to accept any low grades of-fered for sale. Buyers for big to-bacco companies, have asserted that 25 per cent of the crop is low grade which cannot be used in American trade and will not bid for

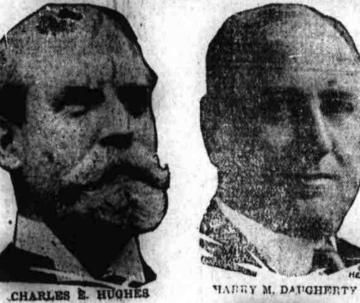
LIFE INSURANCE MEN IN SESSION

Charlotte, Jan. 17.—Two hundred representatives of life insurance companies in North Carolina are holding a sales congress here today.
F. W. Ganse of Boston, Robert J.
Guinn of Atlanta, and Chas. W.
Scovel of Pittsburgh, are the principal speakers scheduled for ad-

CHURCHILL FOR COLONY SECRETARY

(By The Associated Press) London, Jan. 17. — Winston Churchill, the war minister, it is reliable altho unofficially stated, has accepted the post of secretary of state for the colonies in succession to Viscount Milner who resigned the portfolio on January 7.

SIX MEN ON HARDING'S CABINET SLATE AS IT STANDS AT PRESENT





JOHN W. WEEKS



while the averages for different states show a broad range for each

crop. The average farm value per

Hops \$486.10 Cranberries . . . 213.37

Tobacco 168.05 Irish potatoes . 127.51

Sweet potatoes .. 116.71

Barley

PREMIERS OF G. B.
AND FRANCE TO MEET

(By The Associated Press)

HENRY C WALLACE WILL H HAYS. Warren G. Harding has reached a final decision on six of the ten members of his Cabinet, but may not make any announcements before leaving Marion at the end of the week for Florida. The Sena-tor has had rather a turbulent time IN U. S. BRINGS of it lately in handling the Cabi-\$20.93 PER ACRE net situation, but after sifting the pros and cons his slate stands thus: Secretary of State — Charles Evans Hughes, of New York.

Secretary of Treasury—Charles G. Dawes, of Illinois. Wide Variation Per Acre

Attorney-General - Harry M. Daugherty, of Ohio. Postmaster - General-Will H. Hays, of Indiana.

Secretary of Agriculture-Henry C. Wallace, of Iowa.
Secretary of War or Navy—
John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts.

OVER TEN CENTS

(By The Associated Press)
Columbus, Ga., Jan. 17.—
"Candy" Cobb, a well known citizen of Girard, Ala., is dead and George West is in a local hospital painfully injured while local police are searching for Jack Veasey who is alleged to have shot Cobb and West following a dispute over a dime, in front of the store of C. J. Windham in Girard. The shooting occured early Sunday morning ing occured early Sunday morn-

acre of the important farm crops as estimated by the department of agriculture for last year and for CONTRACT WITH A. F. L. DISCONTINUED

Philadelphia, Jan. 17.—J. H. Mull, president and general manager of William Cramp & Sons, shipsbuilders, has announced that the agreement made a year ago with the metal trades department of the American Federation of Labor had been discontinued. The contract, which provides that all questions between employer and employes be carried on thru representatives of the union, terminated December 23 and notice of discontinuance was sent to the men January 1.

uary 1.

The company's action, Mr. Hull claimed, was due to the breaking of the agreement by the men when about 500 went on strike December

APPROVE REPEAL WAR TIME ACTS

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, Jan. 17.—The house Washington, Jan. 17.—The house resolution proposing repeal of most of the special war time laws was approved by the senate judiciary committee today.

Under the committee amendment the operation of the food and fuel control act would be continued.

(By The Associated Press)

London, Jan. 17.—Premiers Lloyd George and Briand will meet for a conference on German disarmament and other matters now awaiting settlement on January 25, it was announced here today. The date for this conference was at first fixed for January 19.

PRICE 2 CENTS

Good Roads, Health and Education Problems Expected to Be Taken Up This Week.

(By MAX ABERNETHY)

Raleigh, Jan. 17.—Good roads, health and education, three of the biggest problems that the General Assembly will have to deal with this year, are expected to be brought before both houses this

Introduction of a good roads bill that will give the state a syste of hard-surfaced highways probably be made first and it learned today that Representa Tom Bowle of Ashe would spot learned today that Represent Tom Bowie of Ashe would speed the measure. Whether the big Bowie intends to introduce we the one drafted by a joint coutee of the two good roads as tions, the North Carolina Roads Association and the Ci Highway Association and the Ci Highway Association is not but it is understood that the drawn by the good roads as

program, as do some member the General Assembly. He not incline to the idea of levy

heavy ad valorem tax for purposes and is supported in by Speaker Grier and Represtive Rufe Doughton and othe 'As to the matter' of mainter Governor Morrison favors a tem of county upkeep rather by the State. Speaking of it tenance the governor said Wide Variation Per Acre is Shown in Crops of the Country, Hops Lead With \$486.10.

by the State. Speaking of it tenance the governor said to that it was his opinion that universal sentiment over the said to the country idea. maintenance, he said, could be ried on by the counties which ready have the machinery for king "mud roads" in repair and the state built hard ways they the countries which ready have the machinery for king "mud roads" in repair and the state built hard ways they the countries which ready have the machinery for king "mud roads" in repair and the state built hard the stat ways thru the counties they be maintained at far less cos

Washington, Jan. 17.—Corn, king of crops, produced an average only \$20.93 an acre to farmers based on December 1 farm prices while hops produced \$486.10 an acre, according to averages for the country as a whole issued by the department of agriculture. The value per acre of hops in 1919 was \$874.75, while corn's average value per acre was 38.49. With the exception of rye, cranberries, soy beans and sorghum sirup the average value per acre last year showmuch better than by the state.

Monday's Sessions.

Today's sessions of the sen
and house are expected to be give
over to consideration of the relutions introduced Saturday for investigation of the State architect's office and of the senate or penditures. The senate meets this afternoon while the House will no get down to business until 7:

age value per acre last year show-ed heavy reductions from 1919 be-cause of the decline in prices.

Wide variations is shown in the avue per acre of the various crops, Speaker Grier is of the or that the majority of the purely lo cal bills, affecting only the coun ties, have been introduced. If this is true consideration of the problems will soon be under way.

The bill introduced last week by
Representative McSwain of Cleveland providing for the limitation of
the terms of office held by State
officials has been killed, the com-

mittee refusing to make a fa able report.

The McSwain bill would had limited the term of office for State officials, with the exception of governor, to two ten of years each. This was inspire years each. This was inspired, is said, in answer to the charge often made that it was well i impossible to "pry some of the present office holders loose" inspired the fact that they have he

of the fact that they have their offices for about twenty ye Urges State Police.

The recommendation from Feral supervisor S. R. Brame, of prohibition forces, that a State of stabulary be established to enfethe Volstead act in North Carolis recognized as the first gun to fired by Anti-saloon leaders desire some legislation to curb manufacture of illicit liquor this state.

Governor Morrison be law enforcement to the he is not expected to sak lature to establish a State ulary. He believes each better able to de the wor