

ACTION WILL BE ONLY RESPONSE

Harding Has Almost Completed His Inaugural Address; Answers Critics.

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 24.—Again taking notice of published criticisms of his cabinet selections, President-elect Harding said today that he intended to make no reply except through the acts of the coming administration.

"Our only response," he said, "will be action and service. Should we fall in that, then we would deserve to be criticized."

The president-elect's declaration was made smilingly in response to repeated questioning about newspaper attacks on several of the men he has chosen to place in his official family. He would not comment specifically on the criticisms made against any particular cabinet selection.

While the cabinet slate is regarded here as virtually closed, the president-elect made it clear that changes still are possible. He said definite offers and acceptances were yet to be made regarding the portfolios of Navy, Commerce and Labor, and added that it was in fact within the range of possibility that changes might be made almost anywhere along the line except for the two appointments definitely announced.

Since he began the selection of his cabinet, Mr. Harding has kept on the safe side and has made virtually all of his invitations to membership more or less provisional. In order to make sure that every part of the administrative machine fits in perfectly at the last, he has been making a list of possible tentative selections until he is ready to send the nominations to the senate.

Discussing the question of Herbert C. Hoover's acceptance of the Commerce portfolio, the president-elect said today that he could understand easily how the former food administrator might desire to know something of the detailed policies of the administration before agreeing finally to take the place. It is understood that Mr. Harding and Mr. Hoover are in communication now on that subject and there is every evidence that the discussion is pointing toward an acceptance.

Mr. Harding worked virtually all of the day on his inaugural address, expressing approval for the city's hospitality but he said today there would be no formal address.

BUT SIXTEEN, SHE IS CLASSED WITH FRITZ KREISLER



Erika Morini.

Although she is a scant sixteen years of age, Erika Morini has by her violin playing set the New York musical world to using all kinds of pleasing adjectives while rosy newspaper critics have resuscitated to compare her favorably with Kreisler, Heifetz and Szymanowski.

Miss Morini is a Viennese and made her debut at the age of ten, playing in the orchestra under the direction of Arthur Nikisch in Berlin.

GALBRAITH SAYS SOLDIERS IN NEED

Legion Commander Declares Government is Neglecting Men Who Fought.

Col. F. W. Galbraith, commander of the American Legion, told Charlotte Kiwanians at the luncheon Thursday that 20,000 former service men are in need of medical attention, with no government state hospitals in which to place them.

"Personally, I have talked with former service men who are now in hospitals undergoing treatment and who have wives and children thrown upon them," said Colonel Galbraith. "It is now going on three years since the armistice was signed, and thousands of men who were incapacitated by the war are left on their own resources."

Colonel Galbraith called on the Kiwanians to co-operate in helping incapacitated service men to get relief. He declared the American Legion has a great work to perform in seeing that the men are protected. He declared the legion was formed "for God and country."

Tom Arnold of Spartanburg, district governor of the Carolinians for the Kiwanis Club, was the other speaker at the luncheon. He told the Charlotte Kiwanians that 44 representative of other Carolinian clubs something of the progress of Kiwanis in the two states.

Kiwanians were told that the organization now has 425 clubs, with 45,000 members. Governor Arnold announced that President-Elect Warren G. Harding recently became an active member of the Kiwanis Club, and that the Prince of Wales and President Obregon of Mexico also are active members.

TAFFETA AND ECRU FROCK IS PRETTY NEW COMBINATION



Black-taffeta and ecru make a wonderful combination, as this afternoon frock proves. The scalloped skirt is one of the features that add to the beauty of the costume. Fillet lace is also used to trim the frock, which is a Lucile model.

ONE DEED COVERS LAND SOUGHT

New Angle to Proposed School Site Opened in Exchange of Letters.

The school board is again pushing the movement to obtain a portion of Independence Park lands for a site for the new Elizabeth combination grammar-high school.

Plummer Stewart, chairman of the school board, is understood to have sent to the Mecklenburg delegation in the general assembly the proposed bill authorizing the use of the tract as a school site. Request was first made that the city commissioners send the bill but they shelved this along with the request of the board for condemnation proceedings against the reversionary interests of the original grantors of Independence Park property.

Mr. Stewart has also written Pharr and Bell, city attorneys, taking issue with their statement that the city commissioners were advised by their attorneys against complying with the request of the school board upon the contention that the property in question was conveyed to the city for park purposes, by contract with the grantors, and if the city were to undertake condemnation proceedings to condemn and pay the strip of land which the school board asked the city commissioners to condemn for school purposes, located on East Seventeenth street, as deeded by Brevard and Springs, containing the entire tract deeded by them, about one and three-quarter acres, would not affect the title to the balance of the park lands.

Mr. Stewart also stressed that it is the reverting interest of the clause which the commissioners have been asked to condemn. The board offers to pay whatever damages the jury might assess on account of the condemnation.

If the legislature passes the act submitted to it, Mr. Stewart's letter continues, "the erection of the school building on this particular strip of land, which strip is set out and described in the act, and the city commissioners then condemn the interest of those entitled to the reverting clause I see no reason why this should not be done."

The reason for the persistence of the school board, Mr. Stewart stated, is that it may keep faith with the voters, whom it promised to use Independence Park lands for the particular school site, and in order that \$40,000, which he claims other ground would cost, might be saved and put into the school building.

James A. Bell has just replied to this letter of Mr. Stewart, in which he stated that if the Brevard and Springs deed covers the entire property wanted for the site and does not effect other portions of the Park lands, then reversionary interests of the grantors of other portions would not be affected by such a movement.

Mr. Stewart could not be communicated with Thursday morning and was not known if the board will appear before the city commissioners. It was considered likely that action on the part of the legislature with reference to Wednesday afternoon will be awaited before the matter is taken up further with the commissioners.

TEXTILE MEN IN CLOSED SESSION

No Publicity Given to Matters of Business—Two Association Merger.

Every phase of business conditions as it affects the textile industry in the South is being discussed here at a session of spinners, representing the biggest mills in all parts of the South.

The first session of the textile men was held Wednesday afternoon at the Selwyn hotel, the second was held at the courthouse Thursday morning and lasted until 2:30 o'clock and the third session was to begin at the courthouse at 3 o'clock.

All the sessions were executive and those entitled to a seat on the convention floor declined to make a statement before the meeting and its accomplishments before the final session was held.

As a result of the meeting, however, two textile organizations, the Southern Spinners' Association and the Southern Soft Yarn Spinners' Association, which had the same name, have coalesced into one organization, the Southern Consolidated Yarn Spinners' Association.

Robert Chapman of Cheraw, S. C., was made president of the new association and W. B. Moore of York, S. C., was made vice-president. A secretary will be elected at the afternoon session and other matters taken up in connection with the formation of the new body.

While nothing was forthcoming from the officers of the association as to the belief of the members about business in the immediate future, one or two members stated outside the meeting that the general view was that no immediate come-back in business conditions was to be expected for some time.

One of the members of the newly organized association is General Tyson of Tennessee, who was one of the brigade commanders of the Thirtieth ("Old Hickory") division in France. Members of the two former organizations, which used to meet here frequently, said the attendance at the present meeting was the largest one in several years. Nearly every part of the South was represented.

ORDERS PUT INTO EFFECT. Washington, Feb. 24.—Orders putting into effect portions of the recent opinion of the acting Attorney General that shipments of liquor from one foreign country to another through the American territory violates the prohibition act have been sent to all customs offices. It was announced today at the treasury department.

REFUSED TO BE ROBBED. Greenwood, S. C., Feb. 24.—Refusing to hold up his hands at the command of a man, whom officers say, he later identified as John Burnett, cotton mill employe, W. T. Saxon, an aged shoe repairer, was shot and probably fatally wounded in a local mill village early last night.

25 YEARS WITH CLEMSON. Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 24.—Dr. W. M. Riggs, president of Clemson College, today completed 25 years of service with the institution. The cadet corps presented him with a handsome loving cup as a token of their esteem taking him completely by surprise.

EARLY HEARING ASKED OF COURT

Government Joins In Request For Advanced Hearing on Par Collection.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Solicitor General Frierson joined today with counsel for the federal reserve bank of Atlanta in urging the Supreme Court to advance for early hearing the "par collection" case. The suit was brought initially by fourteen Georgia banks which sought an injunction restraining federal reserve banks and officials from complying with orders of the Federal Reserve Board requiring collection of bank checks throughout the United States at par.

"The question is one of very great public interest and should be promptly decided," said Frierson. "One of the principal objects of the acts of congress under which the federal reserve banks were organized is to secure the payment of checks throughout the United States at par. The right which appellant banks assert to refuse to pay such checks, however presented, at par, would seriously interfere with the carrying out of this plan."

Under the system which the board is establishing, the total cost of clearances is borne by the federal reserve banks. When this is fully put into effect, it will save the general public a large amount of money which was formerly paid in exchange or charges for remittances.

During 1919, the petition continued, federal reserve banks handled \$74,000,000 gross business, at a cost of only \$250,000, while under the old system of clearances the same amount "would have cost the public \$74,000,000."

COMEDY IS TO BE PLAYED AT PINEVILLE

"Daddy," a comedy in three acts, will be presented at the Pineville High School Friday night, at 8 o'clock, according to announcement by J. M. Halbrook, principal. The public is invited. The play is said to be an entertaining one and the cast has been rehearsing it carefully.

The cast of characters follows: Mr. Wrexson Brown, just like his fellowmen—William Blankenship; Teddy Brown, his son, pursuing football at College—Ralph Grier; Paul Chester, a Young Doctor—Steve Blankenship; Thompson, the Brown's Butler—Lettner Miller; Mrs. Wrexson Brown, just like her fellow-women—Estelle Ardrey; Nellie Brown, her daughter, a Debutante—Janet Buice; Mrs. Chester, Mr. Brown's sister, Pursuing Ill-Health at Bromo—Elizabeth Griffith; Jane, the Browns' Cook—Clyburn Battles.

POICIES RATHER THAN PATRONAGE

Plans for Conferences With Congressional Leaders are Disclosed.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Plans of President-elect Harding to confer with congressional leaders soon after his inauguration to formulate future policies pending the session of the senate disclosed here today by Harry M. Daugherty, who has been selected as Attorney General in the new cabinet. Mr. Daugherty declared policies would be given precedence over patronage.

The Attorney General-designate conferred with several congressional leaders, including Senators Lodge, of Massachusetts; Penrose and Knox, of Pennsylvania; Fall of New Mexico; and Willis, of Ohio. He said April 4 was the "probably" date for a definite session of congress, but that a definite decision had not been made.

The session of the senate might continue with recesses until the new session of the congress, Mr. Daugherty said, adding that it had been suggested that, besides confirming appointments, the senate could be kept at work with preliminary matters, such as the Colombian treaty.

Mr. Daugherty said he did not know how long the Harding program would be presented to congress. His own opinion was that "sooner or later" a measure, similar to the Knox resolution to end the state of war with Germany and Austria, would be passed.

Revision of the tariff and tax laws, Mr. Daugherty continued, will be subjects the new president will discuss with congressional leaders after March 4.

Mr. Harding will arrive here March 3 after spending the preceding day at his home at Marion, Ohio. Mr. Daugherty said he was not ready to announce the names of any of his assistants, except his private secretary, Frank Gibbs, of this city.

INDICTMENTS AGAINST WATON ARE DROPPED

Burford, Ga., Feb. 24.—Indictments against Senator-elect Thomas E. Watson, growing out of the incident in Miss S. E. Wiley's hotel by reason of an agreement to not prosecute all cases in which Watson would make formal apology to Miss Wiley and pay court costs, and this was announced today.

The charges against Mr. Watson alleged that, while spending the night at the Wiley hotel during the campaign, he appeared in public insufficiently dressed, had liquor in his room and used objectionable language in the presence of Miss Wiley.

The case against W. E. Miller, Watson's campaign companion, charged with drawing a pistol, was not pressed at the same time.

TUMULTY OFFERED APPOINTMENT. Washington, Feb. 24.—President Wilson Wednesday profers Joseph P. Tumulty, his private secretary for ten years, an appointment on the International Joint Commission which is entrusted with arbitration of disputes between the United States and Canada.

WIDESPREAD REBELLIONS? Copenhagen, Feb. 24.—Reports that widespread rebellions have broken out in eastern Russia and that the soviet government has dispatched large forces to attempt to restore order were telegraphed from Helsinki today by The Berlingske Tidende's correspondent there, who quotes press reports from what are declared to be an authoritative source.

STAGED DARING ROBBERY. Toronto, Ont., Feb. 24.—A daring robbery was committed here today in the head office of the Bank of Montreal when nearly \$20,000 in cash and \$11,000 worth of securities were stolen from a box in the paying teller's cage.

LEAGUE SEEKING TO ADD MEMBERS

Law Enforcement Body Plans Public Meeting at Early Date.

Cards are being sent out to members of the cabinet of the Citizens' Welfare League and to pastors of Charlotte churches for use Sunday in enrolling members in the league, Paul C. Whitlock, president, announced Thursday.

Members likely will be enrolled during the Sunday services at the various churches. When this has been done President Whitlock expects to call a meeting of the cabinet to consider details with reference to perfecting the organization.

A mass meeting of citizens may be called by the cabinet to be held soon, when the plans of the league will be outlined and its purpose explained fully, President Whitlock added.

The Citizens' Welfare League was formed during a meeting Monday night at the Y. M. C. A., of about 60 representative men of the community. The purpose of its organization was announced to be to make war against sex appeal motion pictures, vulgar vaudeville, liquor selling and Sabbath desecration.

A constitution has already been drawn up and adopted. Immediate plans of officials of the league are to acquaint the public with its proposed policies and enlist as members Christian citizens so that a great moral influence may be brought to bear upon alleged evils of the day.

In addition to President Whitlock, officers of the league are J. A. Fore, J. V. Sutton and Dr. G. W. Pressley, vice presidents; D. E. Henderson, secretary; Dr. J. G. Johnston, treasurer. The following cabinet has also been appointed: J. B. Ivey, Rev. J. F. Crigler, Jasper C. Hutto, Hunter Marshall, Jr., Rev. W. B. Lindsey, Dr. A. S. Johnson, Dr. Luther Little, Rev. H. G. Hardin, A. Cole, W. L. Dixon, J. Frank Flowers, F. O. Hawley, F. O. Clarkson, Rev. John E. Wool, N. C. White, T. E. Winge, D. H. Johnston, A. R. Rhyne, J. Simmons, Rev. J. A. Sharp, Wallace Smith, W. G. Farnum, Edwin Jones.

HER WEDDING IS EVENT OF LENT AT U. S. CAPITAL



Mrs. Marcus Hobart.

The marriage of Miss Helen Converse Browne, daughter of Representative and Mrs. Edward E. Browne of Wisconsin, to Dr. Marcus Hobart of Evanston, Ill., was one of the few social affairs of prominence which took place in the capital during the opening weeks of the Lenten season. Bishop Hugh L. Burleson, acting bishop of New York city, performed the ceremony.

DEATHS—FUNERALS

MRS. MARILLA POST. Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 24.—Mrs. Marilla Post, 74, a cousin of President-elect Harding, died here Wednesday.

MRS. MATTIE MCCONNELL. Mrs. Mattie McConnell, 71, of 6 Park Court, died suddenly at her home early Thursday morning. Death was attributed to heart trouble.

Mrs. McConnell retired Wednesday night in apparent good health. Her husband, J. G. McConnell, rose early Thursday morning and left the room. When he returned a few moments later he found Mrs. McConnell dead. She apparently was feeling all right when he left the room.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. W. S. Stanell, of Charlotte; two step sons, R. W. and L. D. McConnell, and one step daughter, Mrs. L. J. Rumpel, all three of the step children living in the country near Charlotte.

The funeral services will take place at the home Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment will be at Elmwood cemetery.

KISER IS BANKRUPT. B. A. Kiser, merchant of the Providence section, this county, has been adjudged a bankrupt by United States Judge E. Y. Webb upon petition of the Henderson-Snyder Company and the Heath-Morrow Company, of Monroe, the petition being signed here, John M. Robinson, referee in bankruptcy, has been named as referee. Mr. Kiser will file schedules of his assets and liabilities soon in a few days.

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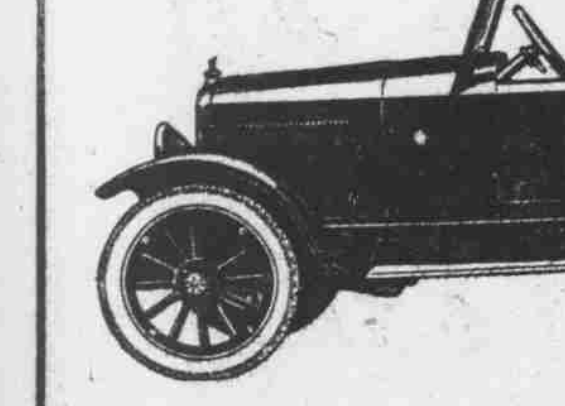
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