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HARDING WORKING ON PEACE PROGRAM

It Is Part of Program to Have Congress in Extra Session Declare Peace.

Washington, Nov. 20.—President-elect Harding will have his program for peace in shape before his inauguration. This is learned from one in intimate touch with Mr. Harding and his views and who is expected to occupy an important place in the next administration.

It is the intention of Senator Harding to resign from the senate January 1 or thereabouts. As soon as James M. Cox steps out as governor of Ohio and a Republican governor is enabled to appoint a Republican successor to Senator Harding, the latter wants to leave the senate.

Senator Harding's peace program, as is authoritatively learned, includes the adoption of a resolution by Congress, soon after it meets in extra session, declaring the re-establishment of peace. The new President will sign this promptly.

This step will be proceeded, however, by conference at Marion at which the President-elect will discuss what shall be the form of America's participation in an association or league of nations. Both Democrats and Republicans, and holders of every shade of opinion are to be summoned to Marion.

The President-elect has abandoned the suggestion that he call a formal conference of eminent Americans at Washington or elsewhere to discuss the peace program. Mr. Harding is to canvass public opinion by numerous conferences with individuals, but there will be no formal meeting of a large number of counselors.

Prior to his inauguration the President-elect will not attempt to do anything in the way of negotiations with foreign governments. Law prohibits such negotiations on the part of private citizens and President Wilson has already shown that he is touchy on this point.

Whatever the peace program eventually worked out by President-elect Harding, whether it be a plan based on the existing league with American reservations, or the establishment of a world court and association of nations along the lines of the old Hague tribunal, the next secretary of state must conduct extensive negotiations with foreign governments. Therefore, the President-elect is expected to make up his mind regarding the premier of his cabinet within the next few weeks and to have that prospective official in constant touch with the unfolding peace program.

Mr. Harding is expected to make a definite decision regarding the league of nations and his foreign policy within a short time after he takes office. Negotiations will first be conducted with the ambassadors of foreign governments themselves. It is believed that a special representative of the Harding administration will be sent abroad before these negotiations are completed.

Those close to Mr. Harding say that it is realized there will be great pressure for speed in the peace program because of the desire of the country to return to a normal basis. The economic pressure here may be lessened by adoption of the resolution declaring peace, but foreign governments will want to know as quickly as possible what part the United States intends to take in an association or league of nations.

It is felt by leading Republicans that adoption of a resolution declaring the war at an end, and the repeal of war-time legislation, will stimulate American trade and improve business conditions. Beyond that, however, the new administration must decide whether it is going to scrap the Wilson league of nations and start anew on a world program based on some sort of a concert of nations.

While it is not thought that Senator Harding can complete his entire plan before he takes office, the peace program in a number of essentials may be worked out during the months of January and February following Senator Harding's resignation from the senate. It is practically certain now that all of the Harding conferences will be held at Marion and he will not come to Washington to meet the "leading minds of the country" in the formulation of the foreign policies of the Harding administration.

Frank B. Willis, former Republican governor of Ohio, is said to be slated for appointment to fill out the Harding term in the senate. Mr. Willis has been elected for the term beginning March 4 and it seems assured he will be named also for the two months remaining of the Harding term.

France Opposed to Admission of Germany to the League of Nations Now

Paris, Nov. 12.—The French government is unalterably opposed to the admission of Germany to the League of Nations at this time, it was stated at the foreign office today. Some "drastic action" would be a consequence if the league voted to admit Germany, it was intimated.

The foreign office said there had been conversations with Great Britain on the subject and that British, who had been inclined to favor German membership in the league, now had accepted the French viewpoint, allowing the matter to rest for the present. Inasmuch as Germany has not applied for league membership, it is considered unlikely there will be any effort with promise of success to get the assembly in Geneva to act favorably on the question of Germany's admission at this time.

The French hold that Germany must prove her intention to fulfill the terms of the peace treaty and live peacefully with her neighbors before seeking membership and they contend there has not yet been time for them to become convinced regarding Germany's attitude along these lines.

The possibility of the admission of Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria is regarded in a different light by the French, who have indicated they are not opposed to membership for these nations, as it is considered they have shown good faith.

Our Latest Battleship.

Kinston, N. C. Nov. 19.—North Carolina will be proud of its namesake in the navy, according to J. E. Reece, who is assisting the construction of the big ship at a Virginia yard. The vessel will be the largest man-of-war in the world and will carry 12 16-inch guns, according to Reece who is visiting here. She will have about 18 five-inch guns, together with anti-aircraft artillery and four submerged torpedo tubes.

The giant will be nearly a fourth larger than most of the "biggest afloat" claimed by the different nations. She will have a length of 684 feet, her tonnage will be 43,800, and she will carry 1,200 or more officers and men. It is believed she could sink all the capital ships of 1898 at a single salvo, and the combined navies of two or three of the second class powers would have no chance against her. If the North Carolina could bottle an ordinary fleet up where it could not get out it could stand off out of range and sink its units at will.

There have been other notable North Carolinas in the navy. One existed in Washington's day. There were one or more during the next 60 or 70 years. The most recent ship to bear the name prior to the new giant is the armored cruiser North Carolina now a veteran of the fleet.

Arrested for Large Theft.

Raleigh, Nov. 18.—Postoffice Clerk L. V. Graves, of Henderson, is in the county jail on default of bond, which he has failed to give for the alleged theft of \$20,000 or more.

Graves was brought here yesterday. Before he was taken from Henderson he gave directions for finding \$18,000 of his riches which he had stuffed into the inner tube of an automobile. The outer tube and other excesses are said to have caused his trouble, which was living high on a government salary that wasn't.

The young man is expected to give bond. The actual outstanding is about \$3,000. He was not suspected until he bought his automobile. His salary of \$150 did not harmonize with the machine. He testified the officers say that he employed the rear extra tire of his machine as his safety deposit and when the inspectors cut it open they found the \$18,000. He has a wife and one child.

October Saw the High Cost of Living Drop

Washington, Nov. 17.—Price studies given out by the department of labor today, showed marked declines in October in practically all items entering into the cost of living, except house furnishings. Clothing, it was said, has dropped 18 per cent below figures compiled to represent 1919 costs, and farm products 21 per cent.

In some lines October prices were still above those of a year ago, but all were quoted as below September, 1920, figures. The index figure of prices for the month was placed at 225, against 242, in September, and 223 in October, 1919.

INCREASE IN PAPER PRICES IS PREDICTED

Upward Trend Within Two Months Indicated, Philadelphia Club is Informed.

Philadelphia.—Every indication points to higher prices for paper, H. H. Reynolds of the B. D. Rising Paper Company of Housatonic, Mass., asserted at the luncheon of the Poor Richard Club here.

Mr. Reynolds' talk covered virtually all phases of the paper production and paper price conditions of today, but emphasizing higher grade paper rather than newsprint. Heavy users, particularly, were advised to buy now, rather than wait for developments after the lull in the market.

"Freight rates are the principal factor in present high costs," he said. "Not the freight rate, nor the recent increase, as related merely to the finished product, but the aggregate of all freights involved in the shipment of the raw material to the mills, freight rates on mill necessities, freight rates on shipments from the mill to the buyer—these, aggregated, involve the greater percentages of costs. Of course, increasing labor costs do figure, but it is the aggregated freight costs which are responsible."

"To make one ton of paper requires six tons of coal. Coal cost in 1914 about \$3.75 per ton. Today it is about \$14. Twenty-seven hundred pounds of rags go into a ton of finished paper product.

"There's a lull in the market just now. Users are not purchasing because they incline to believe that paper, like some other essentials, is due for a 'revision downward' in prices. They'd better buy now, for they will be disappointed if they don't. Every indication points to still higher prices—with an upward trend not at all unlikely within less than two months."

Great Fleets to Assemble in the Pacific

January will witness one of the greatest armadas ever assembled under the American flag, when the great Pacific and Atlantic fleets assemble in the Pacific for winter maneuvers.

When the time comes for the fleets to assemble in Southern waters this winter, the Pacific fleet under command of Admiral Rodman will steam to the southward toward the Gulf of Panama where it will assemble for winter operations. The Atlantic fleet under command of Admiral Wilson, steaming southward, will pass Guantanamo Bay where it has wintered yearly in the past and will proceed to the Panama Canal, passing through which it will join the Pacific fleet, creating the most magnificent naval spectacle in years.

Upon the meeting of the great fleets Admiral Wilson will become Commander-in-chief of the great armada, and the winter maneuvers, spiced with athletic meets between the various champions of the fleets will begin.

The reunion of the fleets will give the personnel a chance to renew old acquaintances, to see the sights of Panama and while their friends shiver midst the snow and ice of the north to see the combined power of the organization of which they are a part.

It is expected that Admiral Wilson will have several hundred vessels under his command during the operations with the combined gun power of 112 14-inch guns, 80 12-inch, 226 5-inch and 28 3-inch. In addition to the great vessels of the fleets there will be submarines, destroyers, and auxiliary vessels in abundance, while the Naval Air Service will have their winged ships dotting the skies.

It will be an impressive sight even to the men-of-war's-men who are accustomed to the unusual and who believe that there is "nothing new under the sun."

Restaurants of Kinston Cutting Prices Considerably.

Kinston, Nov. 18.—Local restaurants are cutting prices in a few instances. Drops range from 15 to 30 per cent. Keen competition appears to be developing. One or two new places, expensively equipped are participating in the price-cutting wave. Two eggs, any style, may now be had for less than two bits, while the lordly steak has tumbled to a reasonable level.

For a Disordered Stomach.

When the stomach fails to perform its functions the bowels become deranged, the liver and kidneys congested. The important thing is to restore the stomach and liver to a healthy condition and for this purpose Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent. Give them a trial. They only cost a quarter.

Glenn Young in Trouble.

Springfield, Mass., Nov. 19.—S. Glenn Young, of East St. Louis, prohibition enforcement officer, was attacked and beaten by a number of federal prisoners in the county jail here when he was incarcerated on an indictment returned in Madison county, charging him with murder. Jail attaches had put Young in the "bull pen" of the jail until a writ of habeas corpus could be secured for his release. While he was awaiting this writ a number of the prisoners who held him responsible for their being in jail for violation of prohibition laws attacked him.

They administered a severe beating and were throwing hot water upon him when officials came to his rescue. Young was indicted for the murder of Luke Vuckovics, when searching his home for whiskey.

This Town Has no Trouble Selling its Bonds

Wilson, Nov. 17.—Wilson town bonds have always found eager purchasers. Tuesday night J. C. Mayer, of Cincinnati, was the successful bidder of the \$530,000 worth of street and improvement bonds which were floated to extend sewerage, water and gas under the ends of the streets and pave the streets connecting with the township roads and pave other streets named in petitions presented to the board.

The price paid for these 6 per cent bonds was net \$543,676. The actual bid was \$540,676 with accrued interest, which will amount to around \$3,000 from the date of the bonds to the time they are delivered to the purchasers on the 29th of this month.

Steamers Collide in New York Harbor

New York, Nov. 13.—As her passengers, 250 of whom were immigrants, lined the rails for a glimpse of New York's skyline, the Spanish royal mail steamship *Montserrat* collided today with the Mallory Line freighter *San Marcos*. The vessels, moving in from quarantine, were under the lee of the Statue of Liberty. The *Montserrat* was beached on the Brooklyn shore before she sank. The *San Marcos*, her bow smashed in, made her pier safely.

Water poured through a gaping hole in the starboard side of the *Montserrat*. Seized with fear of disaster, the immigrants dashed for lifeboats and rafts. Captain Muelers rang for full speed, turned the vessel sharply toward Brooklyn shore, jumped from the bridge into the excited crowd and restored order.

One man leaped over the side. He fell on the deck of a tug that had come alongside and was not seriously hurt.

Divorce is Granted to

Mrs. Charlie Chaplin

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 12.—Mildred Harris Chaplin was granted a decree of divorce from Charlie Chaplin in the superior court here late today.

Mr. Chaplin whom Mrs. Chaplin charged with cruelty, was not in court but was represented by attorneys.

It was stated a property settlement involving about \$200,000, had been made out of court, and an agreement reached by which Mrs. Chaplin would not use the name of Chaplin professionally.

CHARLESTON NURSE IS GLAD TO RECOMMEND RE-CU-MA

Knows it to be Very Good Medicine, and Does not Hesitate to Tell Her Friends of the Good She Received.

For a very long time Mrs. S. A. Savvis, of 16 Morris Street, Charleston, South Carolina, suffered with a general run down system so much so that she was not able to attend to her duties as a nurse frequently. Mrs. Savvis, if she had been like many women, would have gone to a rest cure to recover her health. But instead she saved both time and money by taking that wonderful herb and root medicine RE-CU-MA, and after the first bottle she could feel strength coming back daily and generally renewed health and vigor. Many bottles of RE-CU-MA have been sold in Charleston as a result of the kind words spoken for it by Mrs. Savvis. RE-CU-MA is sold by Mount Airy Drug Co., and all good drug stores for \$1.20, plus war tax.

THRILLING BATTLE WITH BANK ROBBERS

Roanoke Officers Block Roads Leading into City and Effect Capture.

Roanoke, Va., Nov. 19.—The Bank of Glasgow, Glasgow, Va., 40 miles north of here, at 2 o'clock this morning was robbed by three bandits of \$150,000 in liberty bonds and currency, according to an estimate of President Vaughan of the bank, and three hours later, Roanoke police, having received the alarm, blocked the three roads leading into this city, halted the robbers who were speeding in a seven passenger automobile on one of the thoroughfares, killed one of them, took the other two prisoners in a pitched battle, and recovered the loot. In the battle Patrolman O. L. Hendrix, of Roanoke, was slightly wounded.

The dead man, according to the police, is James R. Rodgers, 26, of Philadelphia. The men under arrest gave their names as Charles, Carter, 36, Cincinnati, Ohio, and William Porter, 47, of Winston, D. C.

Chief of Police Rigney expressed the belief tonight that the trio is responsible for robberies recently in North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Tennessee.

At the local morgue tonight \$200 was found sewed in Rodgers' coat and \$250 in the lining of his underwear. Most of the loot, which included small amounts of jewelry as well as liberty bonds and currency, was found in a barracks bag. Carter and Porter, at the local jail, declined to talk, other than to give what they said were their names and addresses. According to the police their accents indicate that they are southerners.

According to President Vaughan, of the Glasgow bank, the robbery became known shortly after 2 o'clock this morning, when an explosion occurred in the institution. Examination showed that the vault had been entered and the contents rifled. An alarm immediately was sent to Buchanan, the next town north of Glasgow. Word came back that an automobile "going about 60 miles an hour" had just gone through the town and Roanoke police were then notified.

The local police immediately took steps to meet the incoming automobile on any one of the three roads leading into the city from the north. Upon each road a car was placed lengthwise to block the progress of the alleged bandits.

On the Hollins road, where the pitched battle occurred, the police patrol in charge of Motorcycle Officer Robertson and Patrolman Butler and Hendrix, was placed across the road a mile and a half out of the city, about 4 a. m. where the officers calmly waited.

A few minutes passed, according to the officers when the chugging of an automobile, apparently coming at a terrific speed was heard. Presently the car appeared over the brow of a hill, several hundred feet away. At the same moment Officer Robertson sprang into the middle of the road and cried "Halt." The car still speeding, bore down. A blinding beam from a flashlight was thrown in Officer Robertson's face, accompanied by a shot. Other shots came from the alleged bandit car, and general firing between the occupants and the police ensued. In an effort to go around the patrol wagon, Rodgers, the driver of the car, swerved to the side of the road. At the same time, according to the police, Officer Robertson fired the shot that killed Rodgers, the bullet entering the alleged bandit's neck. The car then struck a rock, turned turtle and pinned the other two occupants beneath it. One of the alleged bandits fired several times after being thus caught.

Chief of Police Rigney announced tonight that the loot found in the barracks bag will not be counted and classified until tomorrow pending the arrival here of bank officials who have been summoned from several points in North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Tennessee where robberies occurred recently. Bank officials in Houston Va., Stoneville, N. C. and a point in Georgia, are on their way here, the chief added.

The chief declared that B. G. Baldwin, vice-president of the Glasgow bank who came here today with President Vaughan, already had identified a wedding ring, stick pin, diamond ring and string of beads from the barracks bag that belonged to his wife, and which Mr. Baldwin said were in a safety box in the wrecked bank.

A long distance message tonight from Lancaster, Pa., stated that the Bank of Landisville, Pa., Tuesday night was robbed of \$100,000 in liberty bonds and securities by three men who overpowered the watchman, and

opened the safe with an acetylene torch. The message added that the trio escaped south in an automobile. The police think the Glasgow robbery may have been effected by the same men.

North Carolina Address Given as Winston-Salem

Raleigh, Nov. 19.—North Carolina automobile license number 121,318, found on the "loot car" at Roanoke today, was issued by the secretary of state on October 10, to James D. Rodgers, who gave his address at Zinssendorf hotel, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Southern Railway Double Track.

An interesting item in the 1919 Annual Report of the Southern Railway Company, recently issued, is the statement concerning the completion and cost of the double track and grade revision of the Atlanta-Washington line.

The distance is 637.5 miles, and this work cost \$52,134,000.00.

The double track is all in operation and has materially enlarged the capacity for handling both freight and passenger traffic expeditiously. The grades and curves on the entire line have been reduced and established on the standard basis so as to produce the best results both for the handling of heavy freight trains and for the comfortable movement of passenger trains. The maximum grade on the entire line is one per cent, and the maximum curvature is 6 degrees, except between Charlottesville and Lynchburg, Va., there is a grade of 1.43 per cent and also at a point south of Danville, Va., near the North Carolina line there is a grade of 1.25 per cent. The entire line is equipped with electric automatic block signals of the most improved kind. The train dispatching on the entire line is also facilitated by telephone as well as telegraph connections between the stations. The electric block signals not only add to the safety but also in many cases avoid delays to both passenger as well as freight trains.

The double tracking of the Southern Railway between Atlanta and Washington is the biggest single industrial development that has been accomplished in the south and in doing this work in anticipation of the great industrial development of the Southeast the Southern Railway has not only strengthened its position in the railroad world but also contributed largely to the every-day welfare and development of the country which it serves.

Heavy Damage by Immense Slide

Pittsburg, Nov. 19.—Damage estimated by engineers to vary from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 will result from the great slide of earth and stone which for the past two weeks has been steadily moving down the hillside from Bigelow Boulevard to the downtown passenger terminal of the Pennsylvania Railroad here. Nine steam shovels are working day and night to move the earth as it reaches the railroad tracks and approximately 5,000 tons are sent out on special trains every twenty-four hours.

The slide which moves at about the rate of one foot an hour, has reached a point where it was necessary today for the railroad company to route all trains on the Monongahala division by way of the Fourth avenue station while suburban service to the east was curtailed through the consolidation of certain trains.

Maj. Gen. Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, will come here tomorrow from New York to advise with the city engineers on a plan to stop the slide.

President Now is Able to Walk Without Using a Cane.

Washington, Nov. 20.—President Wilson is now able to walk about the White House without even the aid of a cane, it was stated today officially. He uses his wheel chair only for the purpose of an occasional relaxation, it was said.

White House officers declared that the President's health had so far improved as to make it possible for him to address Congress in person when it convenes next month, but that Mr. Wilson has as yet made no definite plans to do so.

Fortune Teller (reading cards)—You have lots of money coming, but no sickness whatever. Client—That's peculiar. I am the new doctor across the street. Loss Scout.