

GREAT SUMS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED

SECRETARY WEEKS ADDRESSES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF PITTSBURGH, PA.

MUST RAISE \$17,000,000.00

Recommendations of Excess Profit Tax, Saving During Depression It Was Not Effective.

Pittsburgh. — Something like \$17,000,000 must be provided by the federal government within the next 30 months to meet its running expenses, and refunding operations, Secretary Weeks of the war department declared in an address before the Pittsburgh chamber of commerce.

The war secretary discussed economy in government operations, reorganization of federal activities in Washington, taxation and the tariff. He urged repeal of the excess profit tax declaring that in a period of falling prices it was not an effective tax as probably would be shown when the returns for this year were published.

Another Revolution in Mexico. El Paso, Texas.—Press dispatches from Los Nortes, a newspaper printed in Mexico City, received in El Paso, tell of the formation of a revolution in Mexico headed by Luis Cabrera, "the man with the brains behind the Carranza government," and his brother, Alfonso Cabrera and Ignacio Bonillas, former representative of Mexico to the United States.

To Sell Part of State. Tallahassee, Fla.—Sale to the state of Alabama of that portion of western Florida lying west of the Apalachicola river and including the nine counties of Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Holmes, Jackson, Oklawaha, Santa Rosa, Walton and Washington, is a proposal that will be put squarely up to the Florida legislature when it meets next month.

No Phonograph for "Tiger." Paris.—What Georges Clemenceau, former premier of France, did in his generation, and much of what he wrote and said, will be preserved in the history of mankind, but the sound of his voice dies with him. This is the "Tiger's" decision when he declined to allow a phonographic record to be made of his voice.

Federal Government Loses. Washington.—The Federal government lost an important income tax suit when the United States court of claims held that every estate, the net amount of which exceeds \$50,000 and which has been or will be hereafter compelled to pay the federal estate tax, is entitled to deduct the amount so paid from its income tax return.

Still Clings to Hope. Geneva.—While a certain amount of pessimism undoubtedly prevails here regarding President Harding's policy towards the league of nations, the council of the league still clings to the hope that America may yet be induced to join provided the covenant is adequately amended.

Russo-Polish Treaty Signed. London.—The Russo-Polish treaty, says a dispatch to the London Times from Riga, "The dispatch adds that the treaty is to be ratified at Minsk within thirty days.

Bologna, Italy.—Valuable historical relics of Joachim Murat, king of Naples from 1808 to 1815, have been stolen from the Renaissance museum in this city.

Serious Drought in France. Paris.—A prolonged drought in France and western Europe is beginning to cause alarm among those who judge the situation by level rivers, such as the Rhine and Seine, which are unprecedently low.

Mexican Railroads Resume. Mexico City.—Railroad unions throughout Mexico have been ordered by telegraph to resume work immediately as a result of an agreement between leaders of striking railway men and government officials.

Exports Showed a Decline. Washington.—American exports showed a further decline during February while imports for that month increased slightly, according to monthly trade figures made public by the department of commerce.

Go on Record for Strike. Chicago, Ill.—By a vote of 21,482 to 207, union workers in Chicago packing plants went on record in favor of a strike if they are "unable to induce the packers to retain the eight-hour work day."

Ezekiel to Rest in Arlington. Washington.—The body of Sir Moses Ezekiel, world famous sculptor who died in Rome, Italy, in 1917, will be buried in Arlington National cemetery March 30.

Planning for 44-Hour Week. Nashville.—Definite plans for the inauguration of the 44 hour week for the typographical unions of the ten southeastern states were made at the meeting of the Southeastern committee of the International Typographical union here.



A. H. SMITH A. H. Smith is president of the New York Central.

MAY CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT

Declaration of Peace Would Mean the Prompt Withdrawal of Our Troops From the Soil of Germany.

Washington.—Allied occupation of additional German territory is understood to have presented to President Harding a new problem arising from a relation of these changed conditions to previous plans for early declaration by congress of the ending of the state of war between the United States and Germany.

Some congressional leaders, who, all along, have been for a peace resolution, still think that solution should be applied as soon as possible. Other leaders, however, fear that it would cause embarrassment to the nations with which the United States was associated in the war and should be deferred until the situation in Germany had clarified itself.

Germany Making Progress. Washington.—Germany is making progress in a drive to revive her pre-war trade in low-priced articles with South America, according to a report to the department of commerce from Commercial Attache McQueen, at Santiago, Chile.

Re-Elected Managing Director. Washington.—Eugene Meyer, Jr., of New York, was re-elected managing director of the War Finance Corporation.

Mother of Nine Murdered. New York.—Mrs. Henrietta Dofelco, mother of nine children, was strangled to death and Mrs. Rosa Menditto, a nurse, was gagged and bound by hold-up men.

Zamora Dies of Wounds. Mexico City.—Pedro Zamora, for the past 10 years one of the most formidable bandits operating along the western coast of Mexico, is dead as a result of wounds received in a recent battle with federal troops.

Wants Debs Case Reviewed. Washington.—President Harding has asked Attorney General Daugherty to review the case of Eugene Debs, socialist presidential candidate in 1920 now serving a sentence under the espionage act in Atlanta.

Dodge Brothers Re-Open. Detroit, Mich.—Dodge Brothers motor car company, closed since last December, has reopened with a force of between 3,500 and 4,000 men it was officials announced.

Discuss Grain Marketing Plan. Chicago.—Representatives of the principal grain growing states will meet here April 6 to consider the American Farm Bureau Federation's co-operative grain marketing plan.

Stole to Pay Poker Debts. Macon, Ga.—Many valuable express shipments alleged to have been stolen by messengers were used to pay poker debts contracted in games on the trains, W. A. Hagen, former messenger, informed a jury.

Clara Hamen is Acquitted. Ardmore, Okla.—Clara Smith Hamen was acquitted on a charge of having murdered Jake L. Hamen, Republican national committeeman from Oklahoma, millionaire railroad and oil promoter.

Want Permanent Tariff First. Washington.—Republican member of the house ways and means committee stood up on the proposition that a permanent tariff bill should top the legislative program of the new session of congress.

Policy on Tax Division. Washington.—Formulation of a treasury policy on tax revision has been started and probably will be ready for submission to congress when it convenes April 11, in extra session.

Had Nine-Foot Beard. Chicago.—Conrad Beck, he of the nine-foot beard, is dead. He was 76. He had never touched his beard with shears or razor since he was 25. It measured nine feet four inches in length.

Approved by French Chamber. Paris.—The decision of the London reparations conference, occupation of Dusseldorf and other German cities and application of allied economic penalties on Germany were approved by the chamber of deputies.

FIND NEW WAY OUT FOR BUSINESS MEN

HARDING APPROVES A COURSE OF ACTION THAT PROMISES MUCH FOR AMERICA.

DUTY FIRST, SYMPATHY NEXT

As President, he Cannot Permit Anything to Happen to Which Great Britain Might Take Umbrage.

Washington.—President Harding has had his first taste of the Irish problem and has met the issue squarely by declining to permit the United States government to be drawn into any action that might be construed as a recognition of the Irish republic.

Mr. Harding received a telegram couched in terms so displeasing and so evasive that he did not answer it in person but directed his secretary to sign the reply. The message was sent by John F. Harrigan, state president of the Massachusetts Council of the American association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic.

The sending of the Harrigan message to President Harding was the subject of a long conference after which President Harding decided that it was time to make clear the position of his administration on the Irish question. He himself feels the warmest sympathy with the aspirations of the Irish people and were he an individual without official responsibility for the conduct of foreign relations he would gladly speak his views or even participate as he pleased in any demonstrations in behalf of the Irish cause.

But as president of the United States, in charge of foreign relations and obliged daily to deal with the government of Great Britain with which the United States is at peace he cannot permit anything to happen which the British might make a subject of official complaint.

Washington.—Action of army and navy officers in refusing to permit American troops to participate in an evacuation day parade at Boston of which Irish freedom advocates are in charge was formally approved by President Harding after a conference with Secretary Hughes, of the state department, and Secretary Weeks, of the war department.

Russo-Turkish Peace Pact. London.—By virtue of the new treaty between Russia and Turkey which defines the boundaries of Turkey, both parties undertake to recognize no international act relating to one party which is not recognized by the other, says a wireless dispatch from Moscow. The old treaties between Russia and Turkey, Turkey's debts to Russia and the system of capitulations are all abolished under the reported terms of the treaty.

Long Trip For Hun Deportees. New York.—Frederick de Chaine, a German, deported as an undesirable alien, is on the high seas bound for Calcutta, India, on what immigration officials said is a record deportation voyage.

Governor Spry to be Named. Washington.—Former Governor William S. Spry, of Utah, is understood to have been virtually decided upon by President Harding for appointment as commissioner of the general land office.

Harvey's Appointment Approved. London.—The British government gave formal approval to the appointment of Col. George B. M. Harvey as United States ambassador to Great Britain.

French Making More Wine. Washington.—French wines last year exceeded by more than 77,000,000 gallons that country's supply in 1919, according to a report to the department of commerce.

Increase in Wood Exports. New York.—Value of exports in wood and products from Gulf ports increased from \$136,802,166 in 1919 to \$186,525,752 in 1920, according to statistics made public by the lumber trade journal of New Orleans.

Rate Case Hearing Closed. Washington.—Arguments in the Wisconsin rate case described by some participating attorneys as "the most important state rights issue before the supreme court in many years" were closed.

Want No Ku Klux Klan. Lynchburg, Va.—Business and professional men held a meeting to devise ways and means of combatting the organization of a local branch of the Ku Klux Klan in Lynchburg.

Perpetual Memorial to Wilson. New York.—A movement has been launched here to establish a perpetual memorial in honor of Woodrow Wilson—"the man who projected into the world the idea of the league of nations."

Investigation of Mob Attack. Washington.—Governor Allen, of Kansas, was urged in a telegram by Senator Ladd and Representative Sinclair, of North Dakota, to investigate mob attacks on Non-Partisan league organizers at Great Bend.

Senate Adjourns Sine Die. Washington.—The special session of the senate, which convened March 4 to confirm important appointments of the new administration adjourned sine die.

No Postoffice Appointments. Washington.—That there will be no appointments in the postal service was developed from unquestionable sources. Will H. Hays, postmaster general, concluded to make haste slowly, it is understood.



REAR ADMIRAL COWIE Rear Admiral Thomas J. Cowie of the naval supply corps in Washington has been placed on the retired list.

HOOVER TO HEAD INNOVATION

American Business Men Are to be Mobilized Through Their Respective Trades and Industries.

Washington.—President Harding has approved a course of action that may mean more to the prosperity of America—its business revival and permanent development—than anything else that has happened since the close of the European war.

American business men are to be mobilized through their respective trades and industries. The United States government is again to render a measure of co-operation with private business which made possible during the war the building up of a huge export trade but which since then has been allowed to lapse.

Thorough discussion by President Harding and his cabinet of plans which will be largely in the hands of Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, has led to the conviction that America must have foreign markets as the way out of her industrial and agricultural depression and that the American government must adopt somewhat the same attitude of helpfulness toward private business as European governments are adopting.

Big Road Money for States. Washington.—Approximately \$622,000,000 is available for road and bridge construction and maintenance this year, the bureau of public roads of the department of agriculture announced on the basis of information compiled from reports from the various state highway departments.

The approximate amounts given as available to each of the states from local, state and federal sources include: Alabama, \$9,000,000; Florida, \$7,725,000; Georgia, \$10,000,000; North Carolina, \$6,500,000; South Carolina, \$6,000,000; Virginia, \$10,000,000.

Plans Coalition Government. Copenhagen.—Negotiations looking to the formation of a coalition government for soviet Russia have been opened by Nikolai Lenine, bolshevik premier, with leaders of the Menshevik and social revolutionaries.

New Shingle is Hung up. Washington.—Formation of a partnership between Joseph P. Tumulty, who served as secretary to former President Wilson, and Representative Randolph Perkins of Woodchiff Lake, N. J., for the general practice of law in New Jersey was made.

Revenues Exceeded by Costs. Washington.—Governmental costs, including interest and outlays for permanent improvements for the 27 cities of the country with a population of 30,000 or more, exceeded total revenues by \$8,991,000 in the year 1919.

Let Out Many American Seaman. Manila, P. I.—Eleven hundred American seamen were discharged from American merchant ships here during the year 1920, according to reports of acting United States shipping commissioner, Francisco Corrales, just issued.

Negro Labor Conditions. Atlanta, Ga.—Investigation of conditions among negro labor on farms in southern counties as conducted by Federal District Attorney Alexander is commended in a statement issued by Governor Dorsey.

Reichstag Favors Disarmament. Berlin.—The reichstag passed all three readings of the disarmament bill which was adopted by the reichstag committee in a form differing from the government's original draft of the bill.

Typothetae Federation Meets. Pensacola, Fla.—The Southeastern Typothetae Federation opened its annual session here to take up among other questions that of the 44 hour week.

Case of World War Veterans. Indianapolis.—A nationwide survey of conditions surrounding the case of disabled world war veterans has been started by the 800 Rotary clubs of the country, according to a letter received at the American Legion's national headquarters.

Millionaire is in Trouble. Tampa, Fla.—Charges of conspiracy to violate the Volstead act will be pressed against Harry S. Black, New York millionaire.

Less Government Management. Washington.—"More business methods in government and less government management of business" will be the general theme of discussion at the ninth annual meeting of the chamber of commerce of the United States to be held at Atlantic City April 27 to 29.

A GERMAN VICTORY IN UPPER SILESIA

POLAND SECURED ONLY ABOUT ONE FOURTH OF VOTE IN RECENT PLEBISCITE.

AREA IS 5,000 SQUARE MILES

Election Will Go Down in History as a Momentous Event in Adjustment of European Boundaries.

Berlin.—Germany won an overwhelming victory in plebiscite held in Upper Silesia to determine the future national status of that region, according to official returns received here. Two districts were still missing at 3 o'clock the morning after, but the count showed that 876,000 votes had been cast for Germany and 359,000 for Poland.

Reports from Breslau state that the plebiscite was generally without untoward incidents.

Palm Sunday, the day of the voting in upper Silesia, seems likely to go down in history as one of the most momentous days in the adjustment of European boundaries of the world war. The day had been looked forward to with intense interest by all Germany and Poland as well, while evidences of world-wide attention upon the balloting were not lacking in advices from abroad.

The area involved, comprising some five thousand square miles, was the largest section of territory to have its fate submitted to a plebiscite under peace treaty, but even more important than the size of the district was the material wealth contained in its varied mineral resources, mainly coal, but also including iron, zinc and lead.

Sixth Largest Cotton Crop. Washington.—The largest cotton crop since 1914 and the sixth largest in the history of the country was grown last year. Ginning statistics for the 1920-21 season, announced by the Census Bureau, show a total of 13,355,754 equivalent 500-pound bales, comprise the 1920 crop. That is about 2,769,000 equivalent 500-pound bales less than the record crop of 1914 and is slightly smaller than the 1904 crop.

Density of Population. Washington.—The average density of population throughout the United States exclusive of outlying possessions was 35.5 persons per square mile of land area in 1920, as against 29.9 in 1910, the Census Bureau announced.

The density figures for Southern states were: Alabama 45.8; Florida, 17.7; Georgia, 49.3; Louisiana 39.6; Mississippi 35.6; North Carolina 52.5; South Carolina 55.2; Tennessee 56.1; and Virginia, 57.4.

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