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## MOORE THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND JOBS AT DISPOSAL OF PRESIDENT HARDING

Salaries Of All Of Them Aggregate \$100,000,000 Yearly. Both Big And Little.

President Warren G. Harding is to be the dispenser of 110,000 federal jobs, 25,000 of which are major jobs requiring confirmation by the Senate.

### The Cabinet.

The first "plum" tree was Cabinet officers, whose salaries are \$12,000 a year each. Others to come include nearly a dozen ambassadors whose salaries are \$17,500 each, many ministers at \$10,000 each, assistant secretaries, federal judges, attorneys and marshals, customs collectors, members of various government boards and commissions and postmasters by the thousands.

### The Vice-President.

In contrast to the huge patronage roll of Mr. Harding are the appointive prerequisites of Vice-President Coolidge, whose immediate appointments comprise only his secretary, clerk, page boy and a private telegraph operator. Their salaries total \$7,700 a year. The Vice-President himself receives \$12,000.

### The Ambassadors.

As the usual custom, ambassadors and ministers now serving are expected to present their resignations to President Harding immediately so he may have a free hand in creating his own diplomatic corps. There are 44 ambassadors and ministers. Some of these who have risen from the ranks in the diplomatic service may be retained and practically all of those now in service will continue in office until their successors are named and qualify.

### Immediate Appointments.

Among appointments in immediate or early prospect are seven members of the Shipping Board at \$12,000 each; two members of the Interstate Commerce Commission at \$12,000 each; five members of the Federal Reserve Board, \$12,000 each; three members of the Tariff Commission at \$7,500 each; two members of the Federal Trade Commission at \$1,000 each, and four members of the Federal Farm Loan Board at \$10,000 each.

### Four New Justices.

Four of the nine Supreme Court justices also may be appointed by President Harding. Chief Justice White and Associate Justices McKenna, Holmes and Day now are eligible, by both age and length of service, to voluntary retirement. The salary of the chief justice is \$15,000 and that of associate justices, \$14,000.

### Postmasters.

Postmasters comprise the bulk of Presidential patronage. There are nearly 50,000 postmasters remaining in the Presidential class, although President Wilson placed many in the civil service. All have four year terms and it is estimated that President Harding will appoint something like 15,000 during the next year as the Republican majority in the Senate refused confirmation to several thousand postmasters as well as other officials, including members of the Shipping Board, during the last session of Congress.

### Positions Of Honor.

Many positions of honor without salaries also are to be filled by President Harding. Among these are appointments to the Commission of Fine Arts, the Aeronautics Advisory Committee, the National Geographic Board, the Federal Electric Railways Commission, the Pan American Commission and the Hague Court.

## MR. JOHN G. HALL CAN SWIM LIKE A DUCK

Has No Recollection How Or When He Learned To Swim.

Mr. John G. Hall, the druggist, possesses the keenest memory of any man we have ever known. Should you accompany him to New York or any other city, and be with him all the time, when he returns to the old home town he tells hundreds of interesting incidents that passed unnoticed by his companion. Not a thing escapes his observation or memory.

But there is one thing in the life of Mr. Hall that escaped his memory. He spent his early days in Wilmington, and the first thing he saw when they held him up at the window was the Cape Fear River and the boats moving about on its placid bosom, and the first thing that made a lasting impression on him was the fact that he was swimming around like a duck in water ten feet deep. "I have no recollection how or when I learned to swim," said Mr. Hall, "but I do remember that I could swim as far and as fast and dive as deep as any of my companions, but beyond that I have no recollection."

## TOO OLD TO SERVE IN THE CIVIL WAR

Virginian Dies At the Age Of 108.

Rejected because of his advanced age when he sought to enlist for military service in the Civil war, George Crow of Denver Hill, W. Va., died a few days ago at the age of 108 years.

—Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Willard Service Station.

## ENOUGH TOBACCO ON HAND TO LAST THREE YEARS

W. T. Clark prominent tobaccoist of Wilson, has received an official statement from a broad in regard to the amount of tobacco on hand in England, which totals 333,750,000 pounds, equal to a supply covering one year and 10 months, exclusive of this year's crop which is estimated to reach 600,000,000 pounds, enough to supply the world for three years.

Mr. Clark, and other tobaccoists of Wilson, own considerable of the weed stored in England for which there is no immediate demand.

## PRESIDENT HARDING'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS DEALT IN GENERALITIES

Definite Suggestions Are Likely To Appear In His First Message To Congress.

Just as might have been expected in the days of reconstruction, President Harding's inaugural address dealt in generalities. Those who looked for specific declarations of policy were disappointed. But after all, an inaugural address is not intended to be a formal outline of the program of the administration. It indicates that the new President perceives the magnitude of the task before him and is well-grounded in the fundamental principles of Americanism, that is about as much as can be expected.

Judged according to this test, Mr. Harding did well. His remarks were inspired by the kind of feeling which is shared by the great mass of the common people of this country. There was pride in it over the success of the democratic experiment which the fathers of the republic started. There was confidence in the ability of the people to meet all future tests of their ability to govern themselves. There was appreciation of the gravity of the issues which the new administration must meet. And there was that reverent faith in a Higher Power which is befitting in the chief executive of a Christian nation.

The definite suggestions absent from the address are likely to appear in the first message to Congress, which is to be called in special session in the near future.

## THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN GRANVILLE UP IN ARMS

The Oxford-Creedmoor Road Is the Cause Of The Trouble.

The roads in Southern Granville are in a deplorable condition and there is no relief in sight. We are told by a former member of the Board of Commissioners that a contract was made with Mr. Blair a road builder, for the construction of what is known as the Oxford-Creedmoor road and that work was progressing nicely on this road when the present board of commissioners were inducted into office, then almost their first act was to rescind this order, or contract. This gentleman tells us that the entire road force has been ordered to the Northern part of the county, where all the work has been done for the past year or more, while the roads in the Southern part of the county are left holes and gullies. If something is not done to them pretty soon we will have no roads, and the road leading to Oxford has been impassable during the entire winter, and from what we are told it will be impassable forever, unless the board of commissioners allow the work to be completed. Many of our people are indignant at the deal handed out to us by the present board of county commissioners. It may be that the tax payers of Southern Granville will submit to it, but if they do we miss our guess.

## THE GERMAN SEE THE ATTITUDE OF THE ALLIES IN THE BIBLE

Berlin, March 6.—The Zeitung am Mittag yesterday said it had been informed that the London conference opened with religious services conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The text of the archbishop's sermon, the newspaper added, would be found in the Gospel of St. Matthew, fifth chapter and twenty-sixth verse.

## THE GERMAN SEE THE ATTITUDE OF THE ALLIES IN THE BIBLE

The verse in St. Matthew referred to reads as follows: "Verily I say unto thee thou shalt by no means come out thence till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing."

## LONE "COOTIE" DELAYS LINER

The Guardians Of The Public Health Are Very Careful.

Boston, March 8.—Discovery of a single "cootie" on the person of a steerage passenger, aboard the steamer Saxonia, from London and Cherbourg, resulted in the detention of the vessel at quarantine while the entire passenger personnel was deloused for the second time in two weeks.

## CASH AND CARY GROCERY

A New Enterprise That Will Do a Large Business.

The new cash and carry grocery, opened up on College street next to Lyon's Drug Store, is a credit to the enterprising gentlemen behind it. The prices quoted in the announcement on the fifth page of this paper are very inviting.

## SALIENT POINTS IN THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT HARDING

"America, builded on the foundations laid by the inspired fathers, can be a party to no permanent military alliance."  
"We are ready to associate ourselves with the nations of the world, great and small, for confederation, for council."  
"Ties of trade bind nations in closest intimacy, and none may receive except as he gives."  
"We do not hate, we do not covet, we dream of no conquest, nor boast of armed prowess."  
"We can reduce the abnormal expenditures, and we will. We can strike at war taxation, and we must."  
"We need a rigid, yet sane, economy, combined with fiscal justice."  
"We must strive for normalcy to reach stability."  
"I speak \* \* \* for the omission of unnecessary interference with government business."  
"Our fundamental law recognizes no class, no group, no faction."  
"If fundamental law is overturned established order, let other peoples make the tragic experiment. There is no place for it in America."  
"American standards require our higher production costs to be reflected in our tariffs on imports."  
"We ought to find a way to guard against the perils and penalties of unemployment."

## THE NAMES OF FOUR LADIES SUGGESTED FOR OXFORD SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. F. B. Blalock, Mrs. W. A. Devm, Miss Lela Routon and Miss Bemis.

As stated in the last issue of the Public Ledger, nominations of ladies for election on the Board of Trustees of the Oxford Graded School is now in order. A letter received by the Public Ledger suggests the following ladies as being well qualified to serve:

MRS. F. B. BLALOCK.  
MRS. W. A. DEVIN  
MISS LELEA ROUTON  
MISS BEMIS

It is understood that the school board looks with favor upon the election of lady members. Some of the members of the board have made inquiries and learn that lady members of the board elsewhere are of great value to school work.

Now that the school board has the question under consideration, nominations are in order. The Public Ledger will gladly publish the names of all ladies suggested, so that the board will make no mistake in selecting those who are best qualified to serve. It would be well to state the qualifications of those who are placed in nomination.

## THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT HARDING BRIEFLY TOLD

Born in Blooming Grove, Morrow county, Ohio, November 2, 1865.  
Student Ohio Central College, 1878-1882.  
Entered newspaper business Marion, Ohio, 1884, and publisher Marion, Ohio, Star since that time.  
Married Florence Kling, Marion, 1891.  
Member Ohio State Senate, 1899 to 1903.  
Lieutenant Governor Ohio, 1904 to 1906.  
Republican candidate for Governor Ohio, 9110 (defeated).  
Elected to United States Senate, November 3, 1914.  
Elected President, November 2, 1920.  
Baptist, Home Marion, Ohio.

## NEW MARRIAGE BILL REQUIRES CERTIFICATE

Feeble Minded, Idiots Or Imbeciles Are Barred.

The new marriage law in North Carolina requires all applicants for marriage licenses to present to the register of deeds before the license is given a certificate showing that both parties are in healthful condition.

Persons adjudged insane, feeble minded, idiots or imbeciles are barred from marriage and the male members must satisfy the physician that they are free from tuberculosis and all general diseases. The women will only have to present a certificate showing the non-existent of tuberculosis.

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT ISSUES DRASTIC ORDER AFFECTING THE OXFORD POSTOFFICE

Ever since the first of the new year the Oxford Postmaster has fought an order to close the front door of the postoffice at nine o'clock at night.

A positive order was received here this week from the Treasury Department to close and lock the door at 9 o'clock P. M. sharp.

Assistant P. M. Critcher states that a box will be placed at the front of the building for mail, which will have close attention.

## BROWN-HALL MARRIAGE

Miss Virginia Hall, Of Berkeley, Va., Bride Of Oxford Business Man.

A quiet home wedding took place Sunday night at the residence of the groom on Broad street, when Miss Virginia Hall became the bride of Mr. John W. Brown.

The bride is an accomplished young lady, and her many friends in Berkeley, Va., and elsewhere will be interested to learn of her marriage.

Mr. Brown is a well known and successful business man of Oxford, being the owner and manager of the Auto Vulcanizing Company.

## OATH OF OFFICE AS TAKEN BY PRESIDENT HARDING

The oath of office of President Harding as administered to Mr. Harding by the Chief Justice of the United States, Edward Douglas White, follows:

"I Warren Gamaliel Harding, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

## REMAINS OF MRS. J. K. WOOD AND GRANDDAUGHTER LAID TO REST IN ELMWOOD

The Funeral Was Largely Attended At The Oxford Baptist Church Sunday Afternoon.

Double sadness visited the home of Mr. J. Robert Wood last Friday and Saturday in the death of his sweet little daughter, Maggie, and his aged mother, Mrs. James K. Wood.

Maggie, who was four years and three months old, had been sick for several days and when her condition became precarious she was taken to Brantwood Hospital where she died a few hours later.

"Little Maggie," as she was named by her mother, did not know that a mother's tender love was the mother having died a few days after the birth of the child. Beautiful indeed was the last words of the sweet little child. An affectionate smile played over her face as she raised her hands and called for her mother. It must have been a vision as she was passing through the gates of Paradise.

Owing to the sickness of the little child's grandmother and the large number of relatives and friends at the home of her father, her remains were taken from the hospital to the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Harte.

### Mrs. James K. Wood.

Mrs. J. K. Wood, died at the home of her son, Mr. J. Robert Wood, Saturday, aged 78 years. A general decline in health was the cause of her death. She was an exceedingly pleasant lady and devoted her entire energies to her family.

She is survived by three sons and four daughters, namely: Mr. J. Robert Wood, Mr. Will Wood, of Creedmoor, and Mr. Peter Wood, Mrs. L. F. Pierce Windsor; Mrs. W. A. Bass, Branchville, S. C.; Mrs. C. M. Simpson, Monroe, and Mrs. Eva Holeman, New York.

### Double Funeral.

The two caskets, escorted by two sets of pall bearers reached the church simultaneously and rested in front of the altar. Dr. Harte conducted the funeral assisted by Dr. Craven, pastor of the Oxford Methodist Church. "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" was sung softly and clearly by Mrs. Ernest S. Parham, and "Come Angel Band," by the augmented choir, was a most impressive close of the service at the church.

### Fallbearers.

The pallbearers of Mrs. Wood's remains were:

Active: John G. Hall, John Webb, Dr. E. T. White, Gen. B. S. Royster, S. W. Parker, Dr. F. P. Hogswood, B. F. Taylor, Will Landis.

Honorary: C. D. Ray, K. L. Street, R. P. Taylor, W. A. McFarland, S. M. Watkins, F. B. Blalock, John Williams, W. H. Hunt, John Gooch, E. L. Smith, W. Z. Mitchell, B. K. Lassiter, L. F. Smith, W. A. Parham, R. S. Montague, W. W. Devin, W. P. Stradley, Oscar Breedlove.

Remains of Maggie Wood—Active: Judge W. A. Devin, W. T. Yancey, Marsh Ray, Frank Hancock. Flower bearers: Mrs. Len Pitchford, Mrs. T. L. Booth, Mrs. Aubrey Moore, Mrs. R. I. Daniel, Mrs. Lennie Smith, Mrs. Crawford Hobgood and ten girls from the Fidelity class of the Oxford Baptist Sunday School.

The interment was at Elmwood Cemetery at five o'clock Sunday afternoon.

### Out-Of-Town Relatives.

Among the out-of-town relatives and friends at the funeral were: Mrs. G. W. Crump, of Chester, Va.; Mrs. Zeb Godsey, of Richmond; Mr. Geo. Thomas, of Wake Forest; Mrs. Joseph Bass, Mrs. C. Pierce, Mrs. B. Wood Pierce, Mrs. Tyler and little son Jack, and Mrs. George Brit.

## TONIGHT WILL SEE THE END OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE

Indications Point To Almost Continuous Sessions Of Both Houses During Remaining Hours; Much Business Ahead.

Raleigh, N. C., March 8.—The members of the general assembly who have agreed to remain over here until the legislative business has been cleared are making preparations to complete their tasks late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning when adjournment sine die can be taken.

### Allies Will Send Army Into Germany

Troops To Occupy Big Industrial Cities To Force Germany To Pay.

London, March 7.—Allied troops will march into Germany tomorrow in accordance with the decision of the Allies to inflict on Germany the penalties provided for because of the non-fulfillment of her reparations obligations.

## SENSATIONAL REPORTS IN VARNER LITIGATION PRESENTED IN COURT

Affiant's Allege Misconduct Of Deputy Marshal Roane—Jurors Hodgkin, Langley, Reaves and Starmer Want Verdict Set Aside—Judge Boyd To Investigate.

The noted Varner litigation was sensationally revived Saturday morning in federal court when O. L. Sapp, chief counsel for Mrs. Florence C. Varner, who was convicted week before last of improper conduct with Baxter McRary, wealthy mulatto, offered a motion praying the court to set aside the verdict of the jury, and a new trial be granted. He based his prayer upon alleged improprieties on the part of certain members of the jury, and the alleged misconduct of Deputy Marshal C. T. Roane, who had charge of the jury part of the time. Moreover, he declared that he believed he could produce newly discovered evidence that would discredit testimony given by several witnesses for the defendant, H. B. Varner, of Lexington.

Mr. Sapp also read a petition, signed by four members of the jury, T. E. Hodgkin, L. H. Starmer, J. H. Langley and M. C. Reaves, requesting that the verdict be set aside and give the plaintiff another trial, declaring: "There was sickness in the families of some of the jurors, and we also understood that we had to decide the case and it was for that reason that the case was decided as it was."

Judge James E. Boyd, of the western district of the United States court, declared that he intended getting to the bottom of the alleged improprieties if it requires a year or longer.

Several Affidavits.

Mr. Sapp presented several signed affidavits that are calculated to strengthen his side of the controversy. An affidavit signed by Ben A. Simpkins and Ulton W. Wood, negro brabers connected with Wood's barber shop, stated that during the trial Deputy Marshal C. T. Roane came to their barber shop with the jury, for the purpose of securing shaves; that the deputy marshal, while in a barber's chair, was talking of the Varner case, stating: "She is as guilty as a dog."

The affidavits also said that the remark was heard by each of them and that it was said in a tone loud enough for members of the jury to hear it; that as soon as Mr. Roane had made the alleged remark he then said to some members of the jury: "Excuse me, gentlemen; I did not know you were so close."

Mr. Sapp read a telegram from Mrs. A. L. Cates, of Salt Lake City, Utah, aunt of Mrs. Varner, declaring that she could positively prove that Mrs. Varner had visited Salt Lake City twice since 1906, the last time being in 1917. It will be recalled that Mrs. Varner testified that she had visited her mother in 1917, while Mr. Varner's testimony ran counter to that of his wife. He testified that she hadn't been on a visit to her mother since the year of 1906.

Mr. Sapp termed this bit of alleged new evidence as being of extreme importance to the case.

Try To Discredit Petty.

Mr. Sapp told the court that he could prove that George Petty, who testified at the trial that he saw Mrs. Varner and McRary enter a rooming house in Greensboro in 1915, had told a person before coming to Greensboro to testify in the case that he was going to "swear he had seen Mrs. Varner and McRary in an automobile and that was all he knew about it."

Man Of Bad Character.

O. P. Dickerson one of the principal witnesses for Mr. Varner, was the object of considerable discussion by Mr. Sapp. He said, in his opinion, he would be able to show that Mr. Dickerson was a man of bad character.

The Telephone Story.

Mr. Sapp read affidavits from two girls, who are said to be employed by the Meyer's department store, in which the affidants stated that when they asked Mrs. Hildred Anderson during the trial why she didn't go to work, she responded: "I should worry, old man Varner is paying me." Mrs. Anderson testified during the trial that she was at one time employed as telephone operator in Lexington and that she heard Mrs. Varner and McRary conversing over the telephone.

MR. GEO. W. WATTS DIES AT AGE OF SEVENTY

The State's Wealthiest Citizen Passes After Illness Several Months.

Durham, N. C., March 7.—George W. Watts, banker and director of a number of large corporations, reputed to be the wealthiest man in North Carolina and the largest single taxpayer, died today following an illness of several months. Mr. Watts was seventy years old, and was born in Cumberland, Maryland. He had lived in Durham for forty years.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at the residence on Duke street. Dr. David H. Ceanlon, of the First Presbyterian church, Dr. W. W. Moore, of Union Seminary, Richmond, Va., and Dr. E. R. Leyburn, of Rome Ga., a former pastor of the First Presbyterian church will officiate. Interment will take place at Maplewood cemetery.