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## HARDING OUTLINES POLICIES HE FAVORS

Declares for Less Government in Business and More Business in Government.

### WOULD READJUST TARIFF

Turns to reconstruction Plan for Association of Nations, He Says in Signed Article.

Less Government in business and more business in Government is the slogan sounded by President-elect Warren G. Harding in a signed article appearing in the current issue of *The World's Work*. In his discussion, Senator Harding tells of the need for a closer understanding between business and Government and relates the economic benefits which he thinks will follow such cooperation.

"We have had too much Government in business," he writes. "I mean by this that on the one hand we have allowed our Government to engage too much in enterprises which it has bungled and which American business can do better, safer and cheaper, and on the other hand too much ineffective tinkering with our economic structure."

"As to this latter, I do not mean that Government should let business alone in the sense that it would allow practices which are inconsistent with American standards of honor and fair play. On the contrary I would urge that the regulation of business, when regulation becomes necessary, should be not less but more effective than it has ever been. Nothing could be more deplorable, however, than substituting, as we have substituted, quantity of laws for quality of laws, as if the thickness of our statute books were a measure of wise legislation."

### Business Not Privilege Seeking.

"American business is not a selfish privilege-seeking monster. The agitator who so describes it, and the statesman who treats it with abuse and suspicion, forget that American business is the daily labor of the whole people and the clothes upon their backs and three meals a day. To put our business upon a sound foundation we need, I believe, the policy I have suggested and here set forth:

"We must repeal and wipe out a mass of executive orders and laws which, failing to serve effectively to prevent profiteering and unfair practices, serve only to leave American business drifting and afraid."

"We must readjust our tariff, and this time with especial regard for the new economic menaces to our American agriculture as well as to our American factories. We must readjust our internal taxation to remove the burdens it imposes upon the will to create and produce, whether that will is the will of the big corporation or of the individual."

"We must give Government cooperation to business, we must protect American business at home and we must aid and protect it abroad by the upbuilding of our merchant marine and a restoration of our self-respecting measure of American protection to her citizens wherever they may go upon righteous errands."

"We must build our economic life into new strength so that abroad we will be known not as a nation strutting under plumage of fine words, but as one that knits friendly and peaceful relations by the shuttle of honorable deeds. We must do it so that at home our economic life yields opportunity to every man; not to have that which he has not earned, whether he be capitalist or the most humble laborer, but to have a share in prosperity based upon the measure of his own merit."

### Turns to Association of Nations.

"If we are the hope of the world we shall find the courage and wisdom to fill the measure of the requisition made upon us. With the deep desire that all Americans feel, I, with them, turn my face toward reconstruction the plan for an association of nations. We desire one that will knit friendships and prevent wars."

"The task of putting our own affairs in order is not a dramatic field labor as some may be, but it is one which leads toward the stability of example to other troubled nations of the earth rather than toward the questionable boon of uninvited preaching. Putting more American business methods into the Government of the United States would save our resources, stop the drain upon the savings of our families, give us a pride in doing something well, rather than saying something well. I see something of true idealism in that purpose."

"Because of it I have suggested that America undertake certain tasks of cleaning house and of building administrative government upon a business basis. We must do this to meet the ever-increasing size of the administrative load. Unless we do it the unparalleled prodigal wastes of these last eight years, for which we all have to pay as consumers or as tax payers, will go on."

"Therefore the national budget plan, passed already by a Republican Congress and vetoed, we must put into force."

"We must put our postal service upon a new basis."

"Let us do for the people what we must do, less jobs being done, but we must so

## TO PHOTOGRAPH MARS FROM HUGE DIRIGIBLE



Professor David Todd, America's greatest astronomer, will endeavor to prove that life exists on the planet Mars by ascending as high as possible in a gigantic dirigible and taking photographs. By making a great ascent of, perhaps, many miles, two purposes will have been accomplished, rising out of the small particles of dust on the surface of the earth that are such a hindrance in photography and also by getting that much nearer the planet which will be closer to the earth in 1922 or 1924 than at any time for the next 500 years.

## RED CROSS HAS CHILDRENS COLONY

Getting 780 Children in Touch With Parents

Seven hundred and eighty members of the Petrograd childrens colony, wards of the American Red Cross for more than two years, are now at Port Keivisto, near Wilborg, Finland about sixty miles from Petrograd and the homes they left three years ago, according to cable advices to National Headquarters of the Red Cross.

The Yomei Maru, the vessel chartered by the American Red Cross to return these children to Vladivostok, a journey that took them more than three fourths of the way around the globe, has just reached its destination. The childrens colony, still under the care of the American Red Cross, has been debarked and will remain at Port Keivisto until their parents are located. Three months' supply of food, clothing and medicines remain to provide for every comfort until the widely scattered families are located.

During the three years of uncertainty in Russia, parents of these children have left Petrograd, many of them settling in European countries. In the work of locating these families, the American Red Cross is receiving cooperation of American consuls in many cities, continental newspapers have printed the list of names of members of the colony and the league of Red Cross Societies and the International Red Cross are using their machinery to inform the parents of the childrens whereabouts and welfare.

### FOURTH RED CROSS ROLL CALL NOV. 11 TO 25.

The Fourth Red Cross Roll Call will start drive on November 11, 1920. Armistic Day, and will continue thru the 25th. The following have been appointed as officers in this campaign:

Frank Grist, Chairman Fourth Red Cross Roll Call, Wm. F. Scholl, Chairman Supplies and Publicity Committee, H. W. Courtney, Chairman Men's Division, Miss May Puett, Chairman Woman's Division, Miss Jennie Dysart, Chairman Industrial Division, Mr. J. E. Shell, Roll Call Cashier, Mr. J. T. Pritchett, Speaker's Division, Dr. A. G. Dula, Colored Division.

There will be a call meeting of all these officers at 1:30 Tuesday, November 9th. All are requested to be present and help to put Lenoir "over the top."

The meeting will be in the Club Rooms.

reward efficiency and value among our public service employes that we may continue to have their loyalty because we have given decent pay and the expectation of promotion when promotion is earned.

"We must conduct a careful scrutiny of our great executive departments to plan so that the similar labors shall not be duplicated and so that similar functions shall be grouped and not scattered."

"We must go to men who know, for advice in administrative improvements; we must have to aid us more men trained in agriculture, more technical men, more men who know business and the practices of commerce and trade."

## CALLS OBSERVANCE OF ARMISTICE DAY

Governor's Proclamation Setting Aside November 11 As Holiday

"And especially let us all pray that the God of peace and justice may so over-rule the deliberations and decisions of the Government of the United States that our high objective shall not be defeated and our dead shall not have died in vain," concludes Governor Bickett in his proclamation calling the people of the state to observance of Armistic Day next Thursday. The proclamation is as follows:

"On the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred and eighteen, the most gigantic war the world has known was brought to a righteous conclusion by the timely intervention of American arms and American statesmanship. The deep laid schemes of sinister autocracy were completely baffled, and the worshippers of "blood and iron" were beaten to the dust."

"In the remembrance of this mighty deliverance the General Assembly of North Carolina has decreed that Armistic Day shall be a legal holiday throughout our generations."

"Therefore, I Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, in obedience to the mandate of the General Assembly, do hereby proclaim and set apart Thursday, November 11th, 1920, as a legal holiday."

"On that day let our people desist from their usual employment, and join in celebrating the world's redemption from the grip of fire and sword. And especially let us all pray that the God of peace and justice may so over-rule the deliberations and the decisions of the Government of the United States that our high objective shall not be defeated, and our dead shall not have died in vain."

### 4 OF 'WILFUL TWELVE' REMAIN IN THE SENATE

Only one member of the "little group of wilful men," denounced by President Wilson on the night of his inauguration for a second term because of their opposition to his armed ship bill, was a candidate for reelection to the state on Tuesday. This was Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, who, in spite of early reports indicating that his chances of his election were poor, managed to come through with a handsome majority.

Of the original group, twelve in number, five were Democrats and seven Republicans. Four of the seven Democrats are either dead or not members of the Senate now. Of the seven Republicans five, including Cummins, are still in the Senate, but one of them will retire with the end of the present Congress, March 4, 1921. The other Democrat of the group who remains in the Senate, Kirby of Arkansas, was defeated for renomination this year and will retire next March.

Of the republicans, La Follette of souri and Lane of Oregon are dead. Vardaman of Mississippi was defeated for renomination prior to the present Congress. O'Gorman of New York retired from the Senate.

Of the Republicans, La Follette of Wisconsin is still serving the term, which began on the day President Wilson issued his denunciatory statement. Kenyon of Iowa and Norris of Nebraska were re-elected to the Senate after the President denounced them, and are still serving in that body. W. W. of California retired voluntarily and Clapp of Minnesota was defeated for renomination. Gronna of North Dakota will retire in March, having been defeated for re-election.

On inauguration night, 1917, President Wilson issued a statement concerning the filibuster engineer La Follette, which blocked action in the Senate on the armed ship legislation. The President said in his statement that more than 500 of the 531 members of Congress were ready and anxious to act on the measure, that the House had already acted and that the Senate was ready to act.

"A little group of wilful men, representing no opinion but their own," he said, "have rendered the United States helpless and contemptible."

"When the men who had participated in the filibuster had been counted it was found that there was an even dozen of them, and they became known throughout the country as "the wilful twelve."

### JAILOR IN JAIL DEFEATS MAN WHO SENT HIM THERE

Probably the most unusual outcome of Tuesday's election in Kentucky was the victory of Fess Whitaker, jailor of Whitesburg, over Stephen Combs Jr., in the race for county judge. Whitaker had been sentenced to his own jail for a term of six months by Judge Combs on the charge of attacking county officers, including the sheriff.

After being placed in the jail of which he was the legal keeper, Whitaker escaped, was recaptured and again sentenced for jail breaking. Following one of the most exciting campaigns known to the mountains of Kentucky, Whitaker, though in jail, won over Judge Combs by more than a thousand majority. Governor Morrow three times refused to pardon Whitaker.

## DOUGHTON LEAD IS NOT CONCEDED

Dr. Campbell, Republican Opponent, Can't See 2,000.

"How do they get that way?" is a slang interpretation of what Dr. J. I. Campbell, of Norwood, republican candidate for Congress in the eighth North Carolina district, is asking with reference to the published statements that his opponent, "Farmer Bob" Doughton, of Laurel Springs, Alleghany county, carried the district in the election Tuesday by a majority of 2,000 votes.

Dr. Campbell, who was in the city yesterday, stated that he is not exactly contesting the election, nor is he claiming that he is elected over Congressman Doughton, but he does contend that he is unable to see this majority for his opponent and until he gets the complete official returns, he will not concede his election.

With figures supposed to be official from seven of the counties in the eighth, Dr. Campbell states that he finds a majority for his opponent of only 783 votes, while the other two counties, on which he has received only meager returns, he considers close, with the possibility that the majority might fall on either side, although, not by a large number.

Dr. Campbell states that the supposedly official figures that he has received give him majorities in five counties, aggregating 2,289 votes including his home county, Stanley, with 443 majority, Cabarrus 798, Alleghany 561, Watauga 767 and Caldwell 120, while the other two counties heard from, Iredell, with a majority for Congressman Doughton of 2,105, and Rowan, with 1,567 lead for Doughton, give a total of 3,472, or a lead for his opponent of only 783 votes.

No official vote of the election in Ashe had been received by Dr. Campbell yesterday, who predicted that it was close, although he expected to carry it by 400 or 500; nor from Alleghany, Mr. Doughton's home county. Dr. Campbell was of the belief that Mr. Doughton had carried his home county, but said he has learned that his majority in his home precinct was less this year with the additional vote of the women.

Large majorities were given him in most of the counties he carried but he had counted on, Dr. Campbell said, basing on this his belief that he has good votes, if not majorities, in Ashe and Alleghany, the which he believes, will at least cut two counties he has not heard from, his opponent's majority to less than 1,000 votes in the district.

Irregularities in at least two of the townships in his home county are charged to the election officials by Dr. Campbell. In Big Lick township, in Stanley, he claims that the officials dilly-dallied to such an extent that over 200 republicans, properly registered, did not vote, many of them having been at the polls ready to cast their ballot for some time before sundown, but procrastination of the officials prevented them from voting. Only about 25 democrats who were registered failed to cast their votes, Dr. Campbell said.

Something like the same thing transpired in Furr township in the same county, Dr. Campbell said, around 300 republicans, properly registered, having failed to vote because of the diatory tactics of the election officials. Only around 12 democrats registered failed to vote in this township, the doctor said.

While making no claims, Dr. Campbell said that he must have additional evidence before he concedes Congressman Doughton's election and even if he has to do that later, he claims that he is morally certain the majority will fall far short of the claimed 2,000.

Dr. Campbell is a native of the Mint Hill section of Mecklenburg county. He is the son of J. Lee Campbell, of this county, who was one of the five candidates for county commissioner on the republican county ticket. —Charlotte Observer

### PLAN HARDING-OBREGON MEETING ON BORDER

Tentative plans looking to a meeting between the President-elect of Mexico and the United States, started at Brownsville by our representative citizens, were approved by Y. M. Xaquez, Mexican Consul, who said that following their request he would invite Alvaro Obregon to visit Matamoros while Senator Harding is spending a vacation at Point Isabel.

The Consul expressed the belief that General Obregon would accept the invitation unless the trip would interfere with his inauguration on Dec. 1.

Matamoros is the Mexican town opposite Brownsville and Point Isabel is a Texas coast town twenty-five miles southeast of Brownsville.

**AVERY REPUBLICAN BY OVER 2,000 MAJORITY**  
Avery county vote complete gives Bulwinkle 417, Newell 2,457; Harding 3,106, Cox 397; Morrison 404, Parker 2,497; Overman 404, Holt 2,498; Brooks 405, Mrs. Sharpe 2,498; Creamer 403, Rodgers 2,497; balance state ticket democrats 404, republicans 2,497; national ticket, amendments tax, for 1,395; against 15; requirements for voting, for 884, against, 15.

## GASTONIA TRAGEDY REMAINS UNSOLVED

No Arrests as Result of Killing of Young Man and Wounding of Woman

After a night and day of investigation and search, officers were apparently nowhere near a solution of the mysterious tragedy enacted three miles from Gastonia Sunday night, when John Ford, a young man of Lincolnton, was shot to death and Miss Ezzie Beatty, of Gastonia, was probably fatally wounded, while on an automobile ride with Ransom Killian, of Lincolnton, and Miss Effie Grice, of Gastonia. No arrests have been made.

Officers returned tonight from Blacksburg, S. C., where they went to day to investigate a report that two negroes had been arrested there on suspicion of implication in the crime. The report proved unfounded.

Both negroes declare they are innocent.

Excitement, which has been high has greatly subsided and interest centered in the account of the alleged holdup and killing as given by young Killian, at the coroner's inquest. He said that while the four were riding out toward Bessemer City, they stopped and Ford and Miss Grice got out of the car and walked out of sight, while the witness and Miss Beatty remained in the automobile. After a few minutes a negro appeared from the woods, held him up at the point of a pistol and robbed him of a few dollars, firing his revolver three times, one of the bullets striking the young woman. About the same time other shots were heard in the direction Ford and the other girl had gone and a second negro approached and said he had shot the other man "down yonder."

### HARL SUDDRETH OF HATBURN TRIED LAST SATURDAY

Bush, Justice of the Peace, for carrying concealed weapon, and was bound over to court.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moore and family of North Wilkesboro spent the week end here visiting relatives.

Mr. W. E. Miller was taken to Charlotte yesterday for treatment.

Miss Margaret Teague spent the week end with Miss Louise and Catherine Cline at Hickory.

Mr. F. C. Hanks left Sunday for Baltimore to take treatment for asthma.

James B. Coman, claim agent of the Panama Railroad and Steamship line of Christobal, Panama Canal Zone, is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Gwyn Lenoir, and also Roy Moore. Mr. Coman lived here at one time, and his old friends will be glad to see him again.

## ALL LOCAL STORES CLOSE ON THURSDAY

Make a Holiday of November 11th, Armistic Day—No Special Program Planned

Merchants of Lenoir will close their places of business on Thursday in honor of the signing of the armistic agreement between the entente and the central powers two years ago. No special program or plan of observance is planned, however, Governor Bickett has proclaimed it a holiday.

The following is the agreement signed by the local stores:

Governor Bickett having declared a legal holiday, we the undersigned, merchants and business men of the City of Lenoir, do hereby agree to close our places of business on that day. Lenoir Hdw. Co., First Nat'l Bank, Bank of Lenoir, Courtney's Dept. Store, The Courtney Clothing Co., Laxtn & Hagan, Lenoir Book Co., A. A. Blackwelder, Thomas Phonograph Co., J. H. Dingelhof, Bernhard & Seagle Co., E. D. Pulliam, Peoples Supply Co., W. H. Dingler, J. W. Cloer & Son, K. A. Link, The Leader, E. A. Abernethy, Clay & Lenoir, Hoffman & Son, Hollifield & Son, Lenoir Gro. Co., T. C. Robbins, W. S. Miller & Son, W. F. Wakefield, W. R. Stine, Eflird's Dept. Store.

### PLANS FOR WORLD EXPOSITION IN 1926 MADE IN PHILADELPHIA

Steps have been taken at a meeting of about 100 prominent citizens in Philadelphia for the holding here in 1926 of a great international exposition to mark the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Major J. Hampton Moore was requested to appoint a committee of 400 to prepare a plan of procedure and to report to the General Committee before Dec. 1. The Mayor was also asked to urge the City council to prepare plans for the celebration and appropriate \$50,000.

There is now in Congress a bill providing financial assistance for the proposed exposition.

### REV. GYPSEY SMITH JR. AT GASTONIA

Rev. Gypsey Smith, Jr. is holding a meeting in Gastonia this week, and will continue it next week. Quite a number of people are going down from here to attend his services.

## LENOIR BOY NOW IS IN HONOLULA

Carl Pearson Writes Interestingly From Land of Sunshine Tells of Hawaiian Territory

The following letter has been received from Carl O. Parsons, U. S. Army Dept. Schofield Barracks, Honolulu Hawaiian Territory, under date of October 25th, 1920:

Post Hospital, Med. Dept., Honolulu Hawaiian Territory, 25th, October, 1920.

Just a few lines from an old Lenoir boy over here in the South sea isles, namely the Hawaiian Islands which are situated some two thousand miles from the mainland U. S. A. I am stationed here with the Uncle's forces, the U. S. Army, and here is the greatest climate in the world, the land of sunshine and flowers, the land where summer never dies. As this a tropical climate there is no change in the seasons of the year although I admit that at this time of the year you can tell a little change in the temperature, but very little, here in mid winter is the most delightful season of the entire year, flowers bloom the year round, there is very little rainfall and it is very seldom that it rains as it does in the old tar heel state. The principal crops of the islands are bananas, mangoes, sugar, and the famed Hawaiian pineapples which are known throughout the world as the finest that grow, this season was the record for pineapples, up to and including Sept. 1st, there had been packed and shipped over twelve million cases, to say nothing of the other eats made from pineapples.

Honolulu is a most beautiful city and has visitors from all parts of the world, here are to be seen the most beautiful parks and public buildings in any land, these the Hawaiian Islands are under the direct government of the U. S. A. as the gov't annexed them in '98. There are nine of them but as one great writer called them a string of pearls, and I must say 'tis a wonderful little country.

The U. S. Navy has spent millions on what is called the greatest naval base in the entire world, it is here that Pearl Harbor the naval base is situated and the initial cost of this great base was twenty-five million dollars. The army has over ten thousand soldiers and the number is steadily increasing and the papers state that there are to be over twenty-five thousand men stationed here in the army in the near future. Here at this post where I am stationed the army is spending millions on building what is to be the largest military post in the entire U. S. Army. This is a wonderful place to train men for the life of a soldier, for here men can soldier the entire year, and in the States it is different. In the States there are only about four months in the year that you can train a soldier, as climatic conditions make it impossible to soldier there as they do here.

I will now try to tell you a little about the natives over here, the real Hawaiians, they are very industrious and honest, and truthful and have faith in the American people, if one tells you he will do something for you then you can rest assured that if he lives that duty of his will be full filled to the letter, education over here has played the most wonderful part in Hawaii's great development which she has gone through in the last twenty years, or to make it exact since the U. S. gov't annexed the islands. Uncle Sam has done wonderful things for the people over here but the greatest achievement to our credit is that the U. S. has educated the natives in good schools and is pushing education more and more each year. Honolulu has good schools and here in the city is located the University of Hawaii and it is a great institution.

Before I bring this letter to a close I must write to you of the volcanic history of the islands, here where I am stationed was once a great volcano and the mountains that are seen from here are all old craters, but here on Big Island which is named Oahu, there are no active volcanoes, but over on the big island, the island of Hawaii is located the most active volcano in the world, it is the famous Kilauea volcano and it is active the year round. This volcano is two hundred miles from Honolulu, on the brink of this famous house of everlasting fire, as it is called by many, is located a big hotel to accommodate the visitors who come from all parts of the world.

Well I hope that I have not taken up too much of your valuable time with this letter, and that you will find a few spare moments to read it. That is if it does not find its way to the waste basket first.

With all best wishes to you,  
Sincerely,  
Carl O. Parsons

### NEWS TO OFFICIALS

Washington, Nov. 4.—Department of justice officials confessed to be at a loss concerning the meaning of the telegram from Indianapolis, Dan W. Sims, special assistant to the attorney general in charge of the Indianapolis coal cases, resigned recently when he was instructed not to use a second time evidence against the coal miners which was the basis of previous cases against them. Mr. Palmer stated at that time he and Mr. Sims had agreed not to use this evidence and that the agreement was made before Judge Anderson.