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HARDING TURNS TO TAFT FOR ADVICE

Turns to Ex-President For Counsel on World Peace Problem.

(By The Associated Press.)
MARION, O., Dec. 24.—President-elect Harding turned to former President Taft today for counsel on the world peace problem and on practical details of organizing the next administration. The conference was arranged at Mr. Harding's request and is understood to have concerned particularly the proposal for a new international court in which the former president has been interested for many years. Mr. Taft was a supporter of the Versailles league, but has taken the attitude that some different agency now must be organized to stabilize world conditions. Another subject on which the president-elect wanted information and advice was the proposed reorganization of the executive branch of the government. In the closing days of his administration, Mr. Taft made a study of that problem and appointed an efficiency commission to undertake the work of reorganization. The coming of Mr. Taft revived speculation about his possible appointment to some high post under the coming administration. He has been mentioned most frequently for a place on the supreme court bench, but his name also has been heard many times in cabinet gossip.

STILL WAS BEING OPERATED IN BASEMENT OF THIS CHURCH

HANFORD, Wash., Dec. 24.—Fire which broke out in a church of Hanford yesterday was declared by Deputy Sheriff today to have been caused by an overheated whiskey still which was in full operation in the basement. The basement was rented by J. A. Brooks, a butcher, for whom a warrant has been issued on a charge of operating a still. The church was not badly damaged by the fire.

CONGRESSMEN COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Only Stedman, Pou and Godwin to Remain in Washington For the Holiday Season.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Most of the members of the Tar Heel delegation in Congress will spend the Christmas holidays at home, although the recess this year will be much shorter than usual. This is due to the congestion of legislation and the necessity of the passing of a dozen annual appropriation bills before the change in administration. Senators Simmons and Overman have left for their North Carolina homes and, with the exception of Representatives Stedman, Pou and Godwin, members of the house will spend a few days with homefolks before buckling down for the final two months of the session. Congress will reconvene next Monday, but it is appreciated it will be difficult to transact much business during the remainder of the Christmas season, and it will be January 3 before Congress strikes its real stride.

BELIEVES AVIATORS ARE CARED FOR BY INDIANS

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 24.—Belief that the three United States naval officers who left Rockaway Point, N. Y., a week ago last Monday in the free balloon, A-5598, on an endurance flight, had fallen into the hands of traders or were being cared for by Indians in the lake country was expressed today by Lieut. Evans, the American aviator who was sent here to direct search for the missing balloonists. "My brother airmen," he said, "are most assuredly in the area bounded by Lakes Mistassin, Abiti and St. John." He believes it would require many days for the airmen to reach a point of communication.

HALIFAX HAS HALF-MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

(By The Associated Press.)
HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 24.—A half-million dollar fire occurred today in the business district of Halifax.

The dry goods establishment of Wood Brothers, Limited, was destroyed and a music store and a furriers building nearby damaged.

Apparently starting in the Wood's store during the night, the flames were not discovered until they burst through the roof at 6 a. m. It was two hours before they could be brought under control.

COLBY IS GUEST OF HONOR OF BANQUET

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 24.—Bainbridge Colby, American secretary of state, was guest of honor at a luncheon given at Guanabara palace today, the vice president of the republic, high military and naval officers and members of congress being present. Later he paid an official call on the mayor of the city. During the afternoon the Brazilian section of the Inter-American Commission held a special session to welcome Mr. Colby. Dr. Amaro Cavahuti, who represented Brazil at the recent financial conference in Washington, welcomed the secretary on behalf of the commission.

STARVATION MAY END STATE OF WAR EXISTING

Italian Government Troops Wait For Hunger to Defeat D'Annunzio's Plan

(By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 24.—Starvation is expected soon to bring to an end the "state of war" now existing between the "regency of Quarnero" at Fiume and the kingdom of Italy. The 48-hour time limit given civilians to leave the city expired at 6 o'clock last night, and it appears the Italian government troops have settled down to wait for hunger to defeat D'Annunzio's plan to combat the enforcement of the treaty of Rapallo. One government soldier is reported to have been killed by a bomb thrown by one of the D'Annunzian legionaries, and shots are said to have been fired at an Italian destroyer, but thus far the "war" has not been marked by any notable hostilities.

A barrage of proclamations have been hurled into the rival camps by D'Annunzio and General Caviglia, commander of the government troops forming the cordon about Fiume. These proclamations have kept public interest centered, for the time being at least, in the strange situation that has developed on the eastern shore of the Adriatic. D'Annunzio's latest proclamation invites the people of Fiume to sacrifice their lives and fortunes in opposing the carrying out of the Rapallo pact. The people, however, do not seem to be very anxious to follow his advice. In spite of orders from the poet-soldier forbidding any one leaving Fiume, several hundred persons are said to have fled, not wishing to share, even by their presence, in responsibility, for any rash act committed by D'Annunzio, or his officers. The fact that some Russian troops formerly a part of General Wrangel's army have been landed in Dalmatia has caused apprehension in some quarters that they might be used to oust D'Annunzio from Fiume. It is asserted, however, there is no intention of using the Russians for this purpose.

LOCAL COTTON MILL STOCK QUOTATIONS

R. S. Dickson & Company, local brokers, quote cotton mill stocks as follows for the week ending December 23, 1920:

| | Bid. | Ask. |
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| Aeme Spinning Co. | 95 | |
| American Spinning Co. | 300 | 375 |
| Anderson Cotton Mills | 175 | |
| Arlington Cotton Mills | 400 | |
| Arrow Mills | 125 | 160 |
| Belton Cotton Mills | 195 | |
| Brogton Mills | 175 | |
| Clara Mfg. Co. | 125 | 170 |
| Clifton Mfg. Co. | 120 | 135 |
| Cabarrus Cotton Mills | 170 | 200 |
| Cannon Mfg. Co. | 175 | 225 |
| Clover Mills | 160 | 200 |
| Brown Mfg. Co. | 250 | 300 |
| Cash Mills | 85 | |
| Chadwick-Hoskins Co. | 16 | 22 |
| Climax Spinning Co. | 125 | 160 |
| Crescent Spinning Co. | 90 | |
| Dixon Mills | 116 | |
| Drayton Mills | 100 | |
| Dresden Cotton Mills | 295 | 325 |
| Dunnean Mills Co. | 110 | 145 |
| Easley Cotton Mills | 385 | |
| Eastside Mfg. Co. | 106 | |
| Flint Mfg. Co. | 300 | |
| Gaffney Mfg. Co. | 90 | |
| Gibson Mfg. Co. | 170 | 190 |
| Globe Yarn Mills | 96 | |
| Grace Cotton Mill Co. | 106 | |
| Gray Mfg. Co. | 450 | |
| Hamrick Mills | 135 | 180 |
| Imperial Yarn Mill | 180 | |
| Jennings Cotton Mill | 275 | 350 |
| Judson Mills | 275 | 325 |
| Lancaster Cotton Mills | 235 | 290 |
| Limestone Mills | 135 | 180 |
| Locke Cotton Mills Co. | 120 | 145 |
| Majestic Mfg. Co. | 150 | 190 |
| Marion Mfg. Co. | 240 | 285 |
| Marlboro Cotton Mills | 95 | |
| Mason Cotton Mill Co. | 140 | |
| Monarch Mills | 120 | 135 |
| Myers Mill | 99 | 125 |
| Myrtle Mills | 130 | 150 |
| Northern Yarn Mills | 140 | 190 |
| Newberry Cotton Mills | 300 | |
| Norcott Mills Co. | 280 | 325 |
| Orr Cotton Mills | 200 | 225 |
| Oscola Mills | 275 | |
| Pacolet Mfg. Co. | 210 | 240 |
| Parkdale Mills | 205 | |
| Peizer Mfg. Co. | 115 | 140 |
| Ranlo Mfg. Co. | 100 | 135 |
| Rex Spinning Co. | 100 | 175 |
| Rowan Mills | 90 | 101 |
| Rowan Cotton Mills Co. | 101 | |
| Rhyme-Houser Mfg. Co. | 96 | |
| Saxon Mills | 125 | 160 |
| Seminole Cotton Mills Co. | 120 | 155 |
| Spartan Mills | 300 | |
| Sterling Spinning Co. | 90 | |
| Superior Yarn Mills | 140 | |
| Victor-Mohagan Co. | 88 | 100 |
| Victory Yarn Mills Co. | 90 | 110 |
| Ware Shoals Mfg. Co. | 275 | |
| Watts Mill Co. | 125 | |
| Winget Yarn Mills Co. | 101 | |
| Wisconsin Mills Co. | 175 | 225 |
| Woodside Cotton Mills, Com. | 250 | |

CHANCES GOOD FOR TRADE WITH SPAIN

Commissioner Young Says Spain Is Only Nation With Balance of Trade in Its Favor and With Cash to Pay For American Goods.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Opportunities for trade with Spain are called to the attention of American business men in a report just made to the department of commerce by Trade Commissioner Arthur Young, dealing with Spanish finance and trade conditions. Spain, Mr. Young said, is the only European nation with a balance of trade in its favor as a result of the war and has a surplus sufficient to pay cash for American goods. Spain's balance of trade at the close of the war, Mr. Young said, was \$772,000,000 and the condition of the entire country is prosperous. This was largely due, he explained, to the fact that Spain, the only large European neutral, was able to export goods to the warring nations and received cash for its products while at the same time withstanding any ill effects from curtailment of imports. As a striking feature of the Spanish financial situation during the war, the commissioner pointed out that Spain even extended a credit of \$30,000,000 to the United States. By curtailing loans just after the signing of the armistice, he further said, Spain was able to retain the large trade balance obtained during the war and at the same time protect its big war loans.

The cost of living, Mr. Young reported, has increased less in Spain than in any other European country, and there has been practically no inflation of paper money, beyond that caused by the legitimate importation of gold. Public finances on the other hand, he said, have been unfavorably affected by the war despite big private profits, as there has been but a ten per cent increase in revenue from taxation and government expenditures have increased greatly, leaving a large increase in the public debt. Mr. Young suggested that American business concerns desiring Spanish trade should adopt a credit system which would gradually become elastic enough to permit competition with European houses who are preparing to fight to regain lost prestige.

Cotton is the most important product entering into trade between the United States and Spain, it was stated, as about one-half of the entire exports from the United States to Spain consists of cotton. If this country exported nothing but cotton to Spain the balance of trade would still be in favor of the United States, the report said, as Spanish imports do not aggregate the amount of cotton sold yearly.

COLBY IS GUEST OF ARGENTINE NATION

(By The Associated Press.)
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 23.—Bainbridge Colby, United States secretary of state, will be officially received by the Argentine government as the nation's guest. The foreign office announced today that Argentina would send a warship to Montevideo, Uruguay, to bring Mr. Colby to Buenos Aires. In this connection the foreign office made public a memorandum of Frederic J. Stimson, United States ambassador to Argentina, in which he stated the United States government considered that Mr. Colby's visit will show "without any doubt that there does not exist, and never has existed, any vestige of friction on the part of the United States by reason of the policy followed by the Argentine government during the recent war."

The memorandum also stated Mr. Colby had no intention of "making reference to questions which have arisen during the last few years," but was only bringing assurances of the friendship of the United States. When Mr. Colby's proposed visit to Argentina was announced several weeks ago it was understood that he would come in a private capacity.

GENERALLY FAIR FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Christmas weather will be generally fair in states east of the Mississippi river, the weather bureau today announced, forecasting a lower temperature tonight, and to continue below normal Saturday.

While frost is probable tonight in northern and central Florida and to the Alabama and Mississippi coasts, the wave of colder weather, which came from the west, has begun to moderate in the far northwest.

—Some days ago a woman and child were deserted by husband and father in Gastonia. On appealing to the police authorities, a purse was made up from city funds and her railroad fare to Knoxville was paid. However, her trunk containing most of her belongings was left behind. It was sold a few days ago at auction to pay her board bill. The trunk was bid in by the police authorities in order that the woman's effects might be saved to her. Those who care to show some real Christmas spirit are requested to see Chief Orr or some member of the police force and make a small donation for the sake of the woman and child and to reimburse those who bid in her trunk for her.

ANOTHER HOLD UP ADDED TO NEW YORK'S CRIME LIST

(By The Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The hope that New York's crime wave had begun to recede, engendered by an apparent lull in serious outbursts during the last two days, was dashed this morning when a holdup was staged in the Murray Hill hotel on Park avenue.

A man about five feet, four inches, apparently a Greek with a scar across his face, entered a suite in the fourth floor occupied by Robert L. Ireland, who grappled with the intruder. Aroused from slumber, Mr. Ireland was ordered by the intruder to get out of bed and throw up his hands. Ignoring the second command, the guest tossed off the sheets, sprang up and made a flying tackle.

The robber shook himself loose and a brief struggle followed. Then the intruder fled and Mr. Ireland gave the alarm. Smarting under the taunt of another hotel break following on the heels of a sensational hold-up at the hotel Astor last week, the police arrived on the double quick and were posted all around the hotel in the hope of catching the robber who, it was thought, might have concealed himself in the building.

The burglar entered the Ireland suite sometime before 5:45 a. m., for at that hour Mrs. Ireland heard him and awoke her husband, who saw the intruder on the floor trying to pry open a jewel box with a screwdriver.

According to the police, Mr. Ireland seized a revolver while struggling with the burglar, but the latter hit him with a chair and knocked the weapon from his hand. Mr. Ireland had directed his wife to telephone for assistance but the intruder seized her and placed her before him as a shield. Returning to fray with a piece of the broken chair, Mr. Ireland landed several blows before the robber fled. The guest followed him in his pajamas through the corridors and down four flights of stairs, losing him when the robber made a dive into the basement. Mr. and Mrs. Ireland had been guests at the hotel, located about a block from the Grand Central station, for about three years. Before his retirement from business, Mr. Ireland, who is 54 years old, was connected with the Mark A. Hanna Co., of Cleveland, and associated with Dan Hanna in ownership of Cleveland newspaper properties.

MEDILL M'CORMICK FINDS HIMSELF MUCH ADVERTISED IN GERMANY

(By The Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Senator Medill McCormick, of Illinois, arrived here from Warsaw tonight, three days overdue, and found he had been one of the most advertised men in Germany, crowded Santa Claus for space in the newspapers which for days have commented upon the probable nature of his mission. It is generally taken for granted by the German press and public that he is the confidential representative of President-elect Harding.

Senator McCormick proceeded direct from his train to the American military mission, where he was the guest of the American commissioner, Ellis Loring Dresel, at a dinner which was the first of a series of entertainments during which it is expected the senator will meet a number of political leaders and German government officials, including President Ebert.

ARGENTINE FARMERS INTERESTED IN COTTON GROWING

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Trade Commissioner George S. Brady, at Buenos Aires, has cabled the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce that northern Argentine farmers are taking a big interest in cotton growing. Mr. Brady reported that samples have been sent to Europe and pronounced as first class by merchants there and that a federation has been formed to raise a more uniform crop of cotton this year. Hundreds of acres in northern Argentine he said, have been cultivated in cotton.

CAMP JACKSON DINNER

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A Christmas dinner invitation was broadcasted by the Fifth Division at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., this week; but it was limited to young men with left and right arms and legs. Any likely lad in eight states would be fed and welcome to it, the war department announcement said, while the division looked him over as a possible candidate for one of the 6,400 vacancies with the colors.

LOST: Black Gordon setter, right ear torn by barbed wire. Liberal reward for return to H. P. Patillo, phone 709.

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MOREHEAD IS BEING GROOMED BY TAR HEELS FOR THE CABINET

Charlotte Business Man Is Being Put Forward by North Carolina Republicans.

(By Theodore Tiller, in Greensboro News.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Influential North Carolina Republicans have put under way a strong movement to have the claims of John Motley Morehead recognized for a place in the cabinet of President Harding and already their organization is said to have made an impression both in Marion and in Washington.

The correspondent of the Daily News has received from North Carolina information showing that some of the leading Republicans of the state, including State Chairman F. A. Linney, are behind the Morehead boom. Mr. Morehead himself is said as yet to be unaware of the steps that have been taken in his behalf, but the Daily News correspondent is enabled to present in part the activities of the Morehead backers to date.

Plans are being made for the visit to Marion of a large delegation of Morehead backers. The delegation will be headed by Mr. Linney and will comprise Republicans from all parts of the state. The date for the trip to Marion depends upon the convenience of the president-elect. In this connection, reliable information has come from Marion, O., within the past day or so that Mr. Morehead's name is already before President-elect Harding and is included in the long list of cabinet possibilities. This doesn't mean, of course, that Mr. Morehead is certain to get a cabinet berth, but the fact that his name among others is being considered by the President-elect means a great deal at this stage of the game.

Thanks Morehead Has Fair Chance. A trustworthy informant who returned from Marion today said this regarding the Morehead movement apparently stands a better chance than any other southern man to get a cabinet place. As a member of the Republican national committee he stands well with Republican leaders. He is recognized as an able citizen and just now has an advantage over a number of southern men who have been suggested. Morehead, of North Carolina, and A. T. Hert, of Kentucky, are the names most frequently heard at Marion when there is discussion of a southern man for the cabinet. As an impartial observer, it seems to me that Morehead has a good chance, assuming that Mr. Harding intends to have a southerner in the cabinet. I did not hear so much about Tennessee's claims for a cabinet job and the Republicans in that state seem split up.

The spokesman was a man from Washington, without any interest in North Carolina affairs, who had spent ten days at Harding headquarters at Marion. According to advices reaching the Daily News correspondent, Morehead backers in North Carolina have been busy for days writing and telegraphing influential leaders of the Republican party, including Chairman Will Hays, Senator New, Former Senator Weeks, Governor Lowden, Charles D. Hilles, Harry M. Daugherty and others, regarding Mr. Morehead's qualifications. It is understood that a number of favorable replies have been received, and meanwhile, Senator Harding, is known to have the name of Mr. Morehead before him.

The Tar Heel supporters of Mr. Morehead who are said to have signified their willingness to have their names used as strongly urging appointment in the cabinet are furnished this correspondent as follows:

Some of His Supporters. Judge W. P. Bynum, Greensboro; F. A. Linney, state chairman; W. E. White, of Mebane; A. E. Holton, D. H. Blair, W. A. Lemly, and C. A. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem; Col. Eugene Holt and J. N. Williamson, Jr., of Burlington; R. L. Stroud, J. D. Dorsett, I. B. Tucker, J. J. Parker, Brownlow Jackson, J. Elwood Cox, J. S. Lewis, J. J. Jenkins, J. H. Harden, A. L. French, W. D. Merritt, L. L. Jenkins and C. J. Harris. This is not presented as a complete list and it is declared that eventually the Morehead organization expects to have the practically complete endorsements from all the candidates on the state and Congressional tickets, members of the state executive committee and the Republican electors of the state.

Though the state of North Carolina did not go Republican last November it is being represented to President-elect Harding and his advisers that the G. O. P. has always maintained a working organization in that state and North Carolina should be encouraged by the selection of a Tar Heel. Furthermore, it is represented, Mr. Morehead has borne the brunt of Republican battles in the state for years and is entitled to be recognized because he has "kept the home fires burning."

—The condition of Col. C. B. Armstrong is reported this afternoon as being somewhat improved. He had a good night's rest. The United States Bureau of Standards has developed a machine for making gauge blocks in quantities accurate to within a millionth of an inch.

MISS SMITH EN ROUTE TO ARDMORE, OKLA.

Will Stop at Fort Worth to Confer With Attorneys—Affairs of Hamon's Estate Are Discussed.

(By The Associated Press.)
FORT WORTH, TEX., Dec. 24.—The arrival here of Miss Clara Smith, charged with having fired the shot which caused the death at Ardmore, Okla., November 26, of Jake L. Hamon, oil magnate, was expected today.

Miss Smith, who is in charge of officers and attorneys to whom she surrendered at Juarez, Mexico, Wednesday night, is expected to remain here several hours for a conference with her attorneys, and will then be taken to Ardmore for arraignment in connection with the charge. Arrangements are said to have been made at Ardmore for her immediate release on bail.

Whether the party will come into Fort Worth by train or will alight at a nearby station and motor in was a matter for conjecture this morning. If officials had any information on the subject, they kept it to themselves.

The train aboard which Mrs. Hamon is en route to Fort Worth, due here at 7:30 o'clock this morning, was reported seven hours late early today and prospects were that it would be even further behind schedule owing to the heavy Christmas travel. The first train from this city for Ardmore after 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, the hour at which Mrs. Hamon should arrive in the event the train is not further delayed, is due to leave at 8:15 o'clock tonight and should arrive in Ardmore shortly after midnight.

REPORTED HAMON MADE MISS SMITH BENEFICIARY

(By The Associated Press.)
KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 24.—A conference having to do with the affairs of the Jake L. Hamon estate was scheduled here today between Fred Ellis, attorney for Mrs. Hamon, the widow, and Frank L. Ketch, former business manager of Mr. Hamon, and administrator of the estate. The meeting was planned on Mr. Ketch's arrival here from Chicago.

There was some speculation as to whether the men would discuss unofficial reports that there is in existence a will bequeathing part of the estate to Miss Clara Smith, now being taken to Ardmore for arraignment on a charge of having killed Mr. Hamon. Mr. Ellis declined to say whether he expected the conversations to take that trend. In a statement he asserted emphatically that Mr. Hamon left no will, supporting his contention by declaring that a thorough search of his personal effects had revealed no trace of it. He also declared that Mr. Hamon had told him shortly before his death that he had not made one.

Reports of the existence of an instrument making Miss Smith a beneficiary he characterized as "ridiculous" and challenged those supporting the claim to come forward with specific evidence. He refused to discuss reports that Mrs. Hamon would contest should such a document be produced.

MRS. HAMON VOWS TO ATONE FOR WRONGS

(By The Associated Press.)
BIG SPRINGS, Tex., Dec. 23.—(By The Associated Press.)—Consecration of her future energies "to atoning to her family for the sorrow she has brought it," and determined "never again to waste an hour of her life," were avowed late today by Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, en route to Ardmore, Okla., to answer a charge of murder in connection with the death of Jake L. Smith.

In an interview with the correspondent of The Associated Press lasting nearly an hour Mrs. Hamon spoke earnestly on religion, philosophy, psychic research, art, fancy work and most earnestly of all her impressions of Mexico. She stayed three weeks in Mexico. Before giving herself into the custody of Sheriff Garrett in Juarez Wednesday night, Mrs. Hamon sedulously avoided discussing the charges against her and mentioned her name only once when she referred to her opposition to his retiring from active life.

CLOUDY AND RAIN ARE FORECAST NEXT WEEK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

North Atlantic States: Considerable cloudiness, occasional rains and snow. Normal temperature until latter part of the week when the weather will turn much colder.

South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Considerable cloudiness and occasional rains. Normal temperature first half and much colder latter half of week.

IT KILLS DEAD

(By The Associated Press.)
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Dec. 24.—Carter W. Johnson, 1211 Roosevelt Road Chicago, Ill., died here last night shortly after he had taken one drink of "Hog" which he had purchased from a negro bell boy in a local hotel. Johnson was a salesman for the Elmhurst Stein Co., of Chicago. Police are investigating.