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President Strives In Vain To Do One Thing At Time

Appointments To Federal Reserve Board, Soldier Bonus, Tariff, Regulation Coal Prices, And Rail And Coal Strikes Compete With Each Other For Presidential Consideration

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Washington, Aug. 17.—President Harding is in a maelstrom of problems each crowding upon his attention so intensely that he is striving in vain to do one thing at a time.

Appointments to the all important Federal Reserve Board, the ever threatening question of the soldier bonus bill, the last minute changes in the tariff bill which will make the Fordney-McCumber act even harder for the Executive signature, the regulation of coal prices and a half dozen other problems which will come as an aftermath to the settlement of the rail and coal strikes are competing with each other for Presidential consideration.

Mr. Harding wants his appointments to the Federal Reserve Board to please the farmers. He wants at the head of the board also a man closely in sympathy with his own ideas of what should be done by the Government in the banking world. Those ideas are largely the inspiration of his life-long friend and banking adviser, D. R. Crissinger of Marion, Ohio, who at present is comptroller of the currency.

It President Harding had intended to reappoint W. P. G. Harding the chief executive would not have allowed the term of the Federal Reserve Board's Governor to expire. The general impression is that the President intends to have Governor Harding stay on until a successor is appointed.

Besides Mr. Crissinger there is Eugene Mayer, Jr. who as head of the war finance corporation has performed a service which President Harding considers to have been remarkably useful to the nation as a whole and the farmers and cattle growers and livestock men in particular.

Many Western and Southwestern business men favor the appointment of Mr. Mayer to the Federal Reserve Board on the ground that if the personnel of the board had been alive to its opponents it would have made the revival of the war finance corporation after the war unnecessary.

Should Mr. Mayer be moved up to the Federal Reserve Board or be made comptroller of the currency which officer is by law member of the same board by reason of the office he holds there is a chance that Senator McCumber of North Dakota, chairman of the Senate finance committee might be given the place.

Mr. McCumber was defeated for renomination in the Republican primaries in North Dakota recently and his term expires next March. The President is said to be anxious to take care of Mr. McCumber and the job of managing director of the war finance corporation pays \$10,000 a year which is more than a Senator gets.

Vacancies like this do not occur every day and if Mr. McCumber were to become managing director of the war finance corporation in order to make the shift complete, he would have to resign from the Senate at once. This in turn would make Senator Smoot of Utah chairman of the finance committee of the Senate a few months sooner than otherwise would have been the case and would give Mr. Harding the benefit of Mr. Smoot's extraordinary familiarity with Republican fiscal and tariff policies in the short session of Congress in December if not in the all important closing days of the present special session which may last until mid-September.

Politically speaking there would be no particular significance in the appointment of Comptroller Crissinger to take the place of Governor Harding, a Democrat from Alabama. Mr. Crissinger is also a Democrat but the appointment is more of a personal one than political as the intimacy of the two men dates back to Marion, Ohio, the President's home.

It is being recalled today that President Wilson's first choice for governor of the Federal Reserve Board was also a personal friend, Thomas D. Jones, of Chicago, whose nomination was sent to the Senate but defeated because of the latter's connection with the International

Again On Way South

Lieut. Hinton Left Manteo Friday Morning, Hoping To Make Miami Or Nassau By Night

Manteo, Aug. 18 (Special)—Lieutenant Hinton left here at 9:59 this morning in the flying boat, Sampaio Correia, for Charleston, expecting to make Miami or Nassau tonight.

Last night was given over chiefly to sleeping and resting tired nerves which had been somewhat upset by the powerful motors of the machine. The town of Manteo turned out to do the crew honor, and it was with difficulty that they could retire.

When the aerial pioneers prepared this morning to hop off on the next leg of their venture of connecting the Northern Hemisphere with the Southern one was impressed with their matter-of-factness and felt assured of their success.

Earlier in the morning they had hoped to make Nassau on this jump but reports from the Cape Henry weather bureau caused them to modify their plans for a stop at Charleston and to delay their start.

A storm of some intensity had developed over the South Atlantic and the flyers were advised to await further developments here.

The urge to flight, however, would not be denied nor, at length, longer deferred; and at one minute to ten o'clock the giant motors of the big seaplane hummed their farewell to the birthplace of Virginia Dare as crowds prepared to assemble at old Fort Raleigh to celebrate her birthday and as the sun gleamed on the white sands of Kill Devil Hill, across Roanoke Sound, where the Wright brothers made the first successful flights with a heavier-than-air flying machine.

Watching the Sampaio Correia as she faded from sight in the distance, where savages less than four centuries and a half ago watched the approach of the ship of Amadas and Barlowe, Roanoke Islanders confidently awaited news of the safe arrival of Lieutenant Hinton and his crew at Charleston.

Harvester Company. Mr. Crissinger was regarded as a "small town banker" when he first came to Washington but he has grown in the esteem of official Washington as he has handled the job of comptroller of the currency. Mr. Crissinger is one of those who believes international exchange can be stabilized by the right kind of international co-operation.

Incidentally it is not apparent that Governor Harding is looked upon with disfavor by the President. There is every reason to believe that the President in the ordinary course of events would have nominated Governor Harding. Although they have the same surname, they are not kinsmen. The President probably has been influenced to choose new men for the Federal Reserve Board because of the controversies with the farming interests which have developed under Governor Harding's rule.

It was inevitable that the Board's personnel would suffer because of the painful but necessary processes of deflation undertaken two years ago. Whether the deflation could have been handled in better fashion is a subject on which many speeches have been made in Congress. The President dislikes controversy and likes a new deal. The selection of Mr. Crissinger would be in line with the latter policy.

ROAD TO GATES OPEN NEXT YEAR

Contract To Be Let In September And Project Completed By December, 1923

C. W. Mengell, with the bridge department of the North Carolina State Highway Commission, has been here this week taking measurements for bridges and culverts for the proposed highway from the end of the brick road in Newland to Acorn Hill in Gates county.

Mr. Mengell stated to an Advance reporter that it was the purpose of the State Highway Commission to let the contract for the construction of this road in the September letting. "This project has been surveyed by our engineers," said Mr. Mengell, "and the data is now in the Raleigh office being worked up as rapidly as possible. Both Mr. Page and Mr. Hart are giving this project special attention and have placed it on the preferred list to the end that it may be let for construction as early as possible.

Replying to the question as to the probable length of time that will be required in which to construct this project, Mr. Mengell said that this road should be open to traffic not later than December 1, 1923.

Regarded as among the best drainage engineers in the United States, Mr. Mengell, who was in charge of the large drainage projects in the vicinity of Belhaven, expressed himself freely with respect to the necessity and possibilities of drainage in the Newland region. "This is one of the best farming communities I have seen in my travels. If the people of this community could be aroused to the importance of further drainage their prosperity would be assured."

The need of drainage in the Tadmore section was further emphasized by Sheriff Reid, who returning from a trip to Newland township said Friday morning:

"Children in Tadmore do not have to go far from home to go bathing. The big drainage ditch along the Tadmore road shows just one spring-board after another. How the Tadmore people are to realize anything whatever from their crops this year is more than I can see."

One drainage district, which when the main canal is completed is expected to make adequate drainage possible for about half of Tadmore, has already been formed; but another district will have to be organized, it is said by those familiar with the topography of the Tadmore section, before the whole section can be relieved of losses due to flooded lands in wet weather.

GEORGIA ASSEMBLY ENDS AFTER STORMY SESSION

Atlanta, Aug. 18 (By The Associated Press)—The 1922 session of the Georgia General Assembly ended at 5 o'clock this morning, after an all night sitting punctuated with stormy debate. Many bills of more or less importance were crowded out. The final session appropriated \$2,451,000 for Confederate pensions for the next fiscal year, and wiped out the present distinction between old and new pensioners.

A good roads bond issue for \$9,000,000 to match the Federal appropriation was killed by the House. A bill providing for biennial sessions of the Legislature was killed by the Senate.

KILLED BY BANDIT

Baltimore, Aug. 18 (By The Associated Press)—William B. Morris, secretary treasurer of Hicks, Tase & Morris Inc., builders, was shot to death on Madison Avenue today by unidentified bandits, who robbed the company's payroll of approximately seven thousand dollars. Frederick Kueth, bookkeeper, accompanying Morris, was beaten into insensibility.

REVIVALS AT MT. HERMON AND NEWBEGUN CHURCHES

The Mt. Hermon revival will continue through Sunday with Rev. E. L. Stack preaching. The revival at Newbegun will begin next Tuesday morning at the 11 o'clock service. Rev. E. L. Stack will do the preaching. Two services will be held a day. The public is cordially invited to attend.

NORFOLK BUS STARTS AGAIN

Owing to improvements made to the roads, my bus will make its schedule, starting today and every other day. EDGAR WILLIAMS, adv-11

REFUGEES FLEEING FROM FOREST FIRES

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 18 (By The Associated Press)—Fears that the death toll from forest fires raging in Northern Minnesota will go beyond the reported twelve when additional advices were received from the flame swept areas were expressed today by scores of refugees who are arriving here hourly.

A fifteen mile northwesterly gale fanned the forest fires in Kelsey, Cotton and Whiteface districts, placing the three towns in a more precarious position than yesterday. All available men of the Duluth tank corps were ordered to Kelsey for relief work.

Miles Brite's Corn Beats Whole State

"In my recent trip to Western North Carolina," says W. L. Cohoon, "my speedometer showed I had travelled about thirteen hundred miles. I traversed about one-half of the counties in North Carolina and was interested in the crops in all parts of the State. The crops in the mountains are unusually good this year but the prettiest corn which I observed was in Pasquotank County. I refer to the field of Miles Brite, on the Desert road. This corn field was an inspiration.

"I remember," continues Mr. Cohoon, "when this particular farm was regarded as among the poorest land in the County. Scientific methods of farming have made it really a show place in this County. It is well for other farmers to inquire of Mr. Brite as to his methods."

Those who make inquiry, according to Mr. Cohoon, will find that the key to Mr. Brite's success has been drainage, the proper use of lime and the growing of legumes. What Mr. Brite has done, in Mr. Cohoon's opinion, almost any farmer in Pasquotank can do by study of modern farming methods and by application of the principles learned to his own land.

MAKING HEADWAY IN SECURING WORKERS

Washington, Aug. 18 (By The Associated Press)—President Harrison of the Southern Railway has announced that his road is making headway in recruiting skilled mechanical help for its shops from points outside its own territory.

Examine Veniremen For Contempt Cases

Lynchburg, Va., Aug. 18 (By The Associated Press)—Judge McDowell examined twenty-two veniremen today preparatory to the trial of prospective contempt cases arising from injunctions against striking employees of the Chesapeake and Ohio and Virginia railroads.

INJUNCTION RECORDS TO THE SUPREME COURT

Complete records of the special proceedings growing out of the temporary injunction restraining the Pasquotank Highway Commission from further work on the Mt. Hermon road until September 15 were sent up to the Supreme Court Friday. The case will probably be argued before the Supreme Court next week.

IN NEW BUILDING

W. H. Weatherly & Company, who have been moving from their old quarters next the Spence-Hollowell Company to their new building opposite the Camden Ferry bridge on South Water street, are now doing business at the new stand. The new building marks a departure in buildings of its class in Elizabeth City and is regarded as a distinct asset to the town.

SPENCER REOPENS STORE AND IS SLASHING PRICES

Ed Spencer has reopened The Quality Shop in the Hinton Building block and is slashing prices in a wholesale manner that will appeal to men who like the best in clothes and furnishings. Highest grade goods are going without regard to price, says Mr. Spencer, who is welcoming customers with a smile today. In a large display advertisement within the next few days Mr. Spencer will tell more of his sale, but in the meantime the bargains are to be found there.

HARDING SUGGESTS COAL COMMISSION

Also Recommends To Joint Session Congress That Railroad Labor Board Be Given Ample Power To Enforce Its Decisions Against Either Workers Or Executives

Washington, Aug. 18 (By The Associated Press)—President Harding today told Congress and the nation that he was resolved to use all the power of the Government to maintain transportation and to sustain the right of men to work, in addressing a joint session of the House and Senate on the industrial situation.

Rail Strike Not Settled

But Stone Believes Settlement Will Come As Result Of New York Conference

New York, Aug. 18 (By The Associated Press)—The strike of railway craftsmen will be settled here, Warren S. Stone, chief of the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers, declared today as the committee of five rail brotherhoods finished several informal conferences before the meeting of rail executives to continue the work of mediation.

Mr. Stone later qualified his statement, however, by expressing the belief that no definite agreement for settlement of the shopcrafts strike would be reached today, as whatever plan might be evolved in conference would have to be referred by both sides to their constituents.

Both Sides Hopeful Washington, Aug. 18 (By The Associated Press)—President Harding was told today by Senator Watson, Republican of Indiana, one of his rail strike advisors, that long distance telephone conversations with brotherhood chiefs and representatives of rail executives in New York disclosed that both sides were hopeful of settling the strike today.

STUCK THREE TIMES

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Sawyer and children, Miss Margaret Sawyer and Walter, Jr., returned home Thursday after an automobile trip through Western North Carolina. At Raleigh they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Williams, who accompanied them on the trip. They found splendid roads and had no car trouble until the return trip from Gatesville to Elizabeth City. Then they got stuck three times.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Overman left Thursday to spend several days at Nags Head. Bob Mason of Lambert's Point passed through the city Thursday on his way to Stumpy Point. J. Lionel Armstrong left Friday for Columbia. Mrs. J. P. Adams and daughters, Misses Gladys and Marie, have returned home after visiting relatives at Portsmouth. Mrs. J. P. Hughes and daughter, Miss Evelyn Hughes, have returned home after spending two weeks at Virginia Beach.

SOME DEFINITE RESULTS IN SIGHT

Raleigh, Aug. 18 (Special)—"It is hard to say just what the ultimate result will be in the cotton dusting campaign," says Franklin Sherman, State Entomologist, "but we have found many dead weevils in fields when dusting has been done—when dusting has not been done we find only live ones and plenty of them."

Considering the abundance of the weevils and the rapid progress of the crop, according to Mr. Sherman, two more dustings should be given in the week of August 21-26 if possible. This refers to the average early fields but by all means the last dusting should be given before September 8 or 9. Reports from the U. S. Department laboratory at Tallulah, La., state that results this year are more favorable to the dusting method than in any previous year.

AMERICAN ACTRESS DIES

London, Aug. 18 (By The Associated Press)—Geneva Ward, famous American tragedienne, died of heart failure today at her home in Hampstead.