

## Harding to Face Job of Settling Mandate Tangle

Wilson Administration Will  
Not Reply to League Note  
Concerning Island of Yap  
And Mesopotamia.

Washington, March 2.—Further steps in the controversies between the American government and the allies and the league of nations council over mandates will be left to President Harding and Charles E. Hughes, his secretary of state.

Decision of this administration to take no further action was made known today, after receipt of the replies from the council and Great Britain to the American notes on mandates for the island of Yap, held by Japan, and for Mesopotamia, to be awarded Great Britain. Officials said there was insufficient time for them to prepare answers. They indicated that it might be regarded as presumptuous if they acted.

## Champ Clark, Long Leader of Demos, Dies at Capitol

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ciples, the Church of Christ and the Campbellites.

Attracted by Clark's work at Bethany, the faculty of Marshall college, the state normal school at Huntington, W. Va., called him to the presidency at the age of 23, and he enjoyed the distinction of being the youngest college president in the United States.

Leaving Marshall college Clark went to Cincinnati, where he married in the Cincinnati law school, where he received his degree in law. Moving to Wichita, Kan., he hung out his shingle and awaited the first client—a vain wait of 11 weeks.

From Kansas he migrated to Missouri, stopped at Louisiana and formed a law partnership with David A. Ball.

The practice of law was pretty slim picking and so when he saw an opportunity to become principal of the high school he took advantage of it. He then purchased a newspaper, which he conducted with more or less success for about a year.

It was about this time that he met and married Miss Genevieve Benoit of Galloway county, a stately young woman of fine attainments, who had just graduated from Missouri university. Clark soon afterwards changed his address to Bowling Green.

Elected to Congress.

In 1892 he was elected to congress from the Ninth congress district, which seat he still held at the time of his death.

In December, 1908, he was made the democratic party leader on the floor of the house of representatives. He was again chosen for this place in 1909.

Then followed the long and bitter fight against Cannonism in the house, in which Clark took a leading and determined part. By the unanimous vote of his party he was chosen as speaker of the house in 1910.

The democratic presidential nomination campaign of 1912 came on while Clark was still speaker. His own state, Missouri, had in convention called for another purpose passed a resolution endorsing the candidacy of Governor Folk for the presidency.

So long as that condition existed Clark would not consent to enter the race for the presidency, yet the people of his state clamored for him. The matter finally came to a head when the state committee met and called a special state convention to settle the question. Clark carried 111 of the 114 votes in the state, securing nearly every one of the delegates to the state convention.

Clark entered the Baltimore convention far in the lead of any other candidate. It was evident early in the convention proceedings that on the first ballot Clark would have a clear majority of the votes.

In 1844 when Martin Van Buren was a candidate for the presidency, some of the party leaders put through a rule that required the candidate receive two-thirds of the votes of the convention instead of the former rule of a majority. The rule was put through to prevent the nomination of Van Buren. It served its purpose and Van Buren was defeated.

Old Rule Revived.

That rule has since been the rule of democratic conventions but had remained a dead letter for 78 years until revived at Baltimore in 1912 to defeat Champ Clark.

Clark maintained his majority on nine ballots and led the convention on 29 ballots but when William Jennings Bryan made his now famous speech charging an alliance between the Clark candidacy and the "reactionaries," Clark's strength waned and Woodrow Wilson came to the front and was nominated.

When the newly elected president called the 63rd congress together in extraordinary session in the spring of 1913 Speaker Clark was the unanimous choice of his party for the speakership.

Since that time Clark has wielded a power in the lower house on behalf of his party but the overwhelming majority of the republicans has curtailed this power to its minimum.

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## Clyde Poffenbarger Cleared of Complicity in Big Mail Robbery

Crowd in Court Cheers Acquittal of Last of Nine  
Suspects Who Was Charged With Receiving  
And Concealing Loot.

"Not guilty!"

These words, read by the foreman of the jury hearing the case of Clyde Poffenbarger, the last of nine suspects in the \$3,500,000 Burlington mail train robbery last November, in federal court yesterday afternoon, was the signal for pandemonium.

Deafening applause, cheers and whistles from the crowded court room filled the air.

United States Marshal Nick Reed and his deputies had difficulty in quieting the crowd.

They even threatened them with jail sentences for contempt of court if they did not cease the cheering.

And quiet was restored.

Wife Fleets into Arms.

Clyde, his face broken with a broad smile, arose from his chair as the verdict was read, and into his arms his girl-wife fairly flew.

The verdict was given after four hours deliberation, the jury filing into the courtroom shortly after 3 o'clock.

The case had been given into their hands at 11 a. m.

Freed from the worry and care which had born down on her so heavily ever since her youthful husband was incarcerated in the county jail last November, Mrs. Poffenbarger, pretty little blonde, burst into tears as all her pent up emotion was given free rein.

Special Board  
To Investigate  
Mail Accidents

House Postoffice Committee  
Recommends Thorough  
Probe of Use of German  
Junker Planes.

Washington, March 2.—A special investigation by a congressional committee, of airplane accidents in the postal service, was recommended today by the house postoffice committee in a report.

The burning to death of two postal air pilots and a mechanic at La Crosse, Wis., February 9, is the immediate cause of the proposed investigation. Other accidents were brought to the attention of the committee, and for these it has been unable to get an adequate explanation from the postoffice department.

In an investigation of the La Crosse accident, the postoffice committee learned that the machine destroyed by fire together with its pilots and mechanic was of German build, an all-metal machine, supposed to be fire proof.

The postoffice department has purchased eight of these machines at a total cost with spare parts of \$200,000. Three of the machines have been destroyed, and the other five have been withdrawn from service pending improvements and further experiment in their use.

Automobile Man Sues for  
Separate Maintenance

John M. Opper, manager of the Jones-Opper company, 2558 Farnam street, automobiles, filed a suit in district court asking the court to grant a decree of separate maintenance for his wife, Grace.

He alleges extreme cruelty. He does not ask a divorce, but requests the court to ascertain his own income and decide on the amount needed by his wife, which amount he says he is willing to pay. She now occupies their home at 4917 Chicago street and he is willing that she continue to stay there and keep the furniture.

They were married in Salt Lake City in 1917. He had been married before.

Palmer Elected Chairman  
Of C. of C. Speakers' Bureau

Harry C. Palmer was elected chairman of the speakers' bureau of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday. John W. Welch was elected vice chairman and Montagu Tancock secretary. The bureau will have a membership of 50 men.

The bureau was organized for the purpose of supplying speakers for various functions at which speakers capable of delivering an informative talk on Omaha or Nebraska were required.

The members of the bureau are pledged to prepare themselves to accept calls for speeches at a moment's notice.

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YOE  
POFFENBARGER

The little 18-month-old baby son was given into the care of a friend sitting nearby, as the girl-wife rushed across the courtroom into her husband's arms.

Clyde Poffenbarger is the only one of nine persons arrested in connection with the notorious mail robbery to be acquitted.

Ever since the time of his arrest, he has maintained his innocence.

He was charged with receiving and concealing \$6,820 of the loot which was found in a vault in the outhouse in the rear of his home.

Four Students  
Under Arrest in  
Probe of Hazing

North Carolina Authorities  
Propose to Punish Men  
Who Participated in Un-  
lawful Activities.

Durham, N. C., March 2.—Four arrests had been made here today in connection with the hazing episode at Trinity college Monday in which F. C. Brooks, jr., son of the state superintendent of instruction, was seriously injured.

O. D. Sawyer, J. E. Harvey and L. D. McWhorter, members of the sophomore class, were arrested on charges of hazing, but were released on bond. A warrant for young Brooks was not served owing to his illness.

A warrant, charging assault with a deadly weapon also was drawn against Jack McClure, who was to have been the victim of the hazing party had it not been abruptly terminated by the injury he is said to have inflicted upon Brooks, when he stabbed him through the chest with a pocket knife. Other warrants may be issued.

Foreign Trade  
Slumps in 1920

Volume Less Than During  
1919 Despite New High Rec-  
ord in Values, Report Shows.

Washington, March 2.—The volume of America's foreign trade last year was less than in 1919, despite establishment of a new high record in values for both exports and imports, according to the February review of business and financial conditions, issued by the federal reserve board.

The volume of exports of principal commodities declined about 9 per cent in 1920, while the volume of imports of 25 principal commodities increased only 4 per cent.

The year, the board said, saw a tendency toward a more balanced condition of the country's international trade indicated by the excess of exports over imports.

"Only through imports," the board added, "is it possible for foreign countries to pay us the large balance outstanding. For this reason, the steady declines in exports since June, when imports were at their peak, are not so encouraging."

Business and industry during February, the board asserted, continued in a transitional and unstable condition. The movement toward better conditions, it was added, was not wholly sustained early in the month, due to changes in prices of raw materials.

Read Bee Want Ads.

Harding Is Guest  
Of Marion People  
At Big Reception

Schools and Business Houses  
Close as Neighbors Bid  
Godspeed to President-  
Elect.

Marion, O., March 2.—President-elect Harding's neighbors in Marion and nearby towns bade him Godspeed in the task of the presidency today in a formal farewell brought to the famous front porch one of its largest gatherings.

Marion schools and business houses closed their doors for two hours to observe the occasion and as the final front porch meeting began, church bells and factory whistles mingled their voices in a sonorous message of good will.

As part of the farewell ceremony, the city presented to the president-elect and his wife a silver plaque which bore the inscription, "God's blessing to you."

The program arranged for the farewell ceremonies began shortly before noon and was a simple one. After the presentation of the plaque a reception was held.

For his text in the presentation address, Dr. Thomas H. McAfee, pastor of President-elect Harding's church, took the inscription of the plaque: "To Warren Gamaliel Harding and his wife, Florence Kling Harding, from the citizens of Marion, in testimony of affection and gratitude for loyal friendship, devotion to the public welfare, and service to the highest conception of American citizenship. God's blessing to you."

The president-elect's response was brief, expressing thanks and asking the support of his neighbors in the work ahead of him.

Beatrice Firemen Get  
Exemption Certificates

Beatrice, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—The annual exemption exercise of the Beatrice Volunteer Fire department was held in firemen's hall and eight firemen received certificates. A banquet was served at the close of the meeting at which toasts were responded to by Rev. J. Franklin Hass, Mayor Farlow, J. R. Ellis and others. Harry Leech presided.

Fairbury Couple Fined  
In Beatrice Police Court

Beatrice, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—Charged with disorderly conduct at the Butler hotel in this city, L. W. Colby and Bessie Kennally, who gave Fairbury as their home, pleaded guilty before Judge Ellis. Colby was fined \$25 and costs and the woman \$5 and costs.

New Trial Asked by Man  
Convicted of Assault

Beatrice, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—Ern Darwin, convicted in the district court of a statutory offense on Wilma Drucry, 15, has filed a motion for a new trial on the ground that one of the jurors was prejudiced.

Sent to Reform School

Beatrice, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—Leo Geisler, 14, found guilty of stealing a bicycle, was sentenced to a term in the reform school by Judge Colby of the district court.

"Using Nut" Wins Fortune

Fremont Musician Invents Auto Tire Lock Now  
Used by Big Companies—Returns Insure Income.

Fremont, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—Ray Johnson, 25, musician, has become independently wealthy with the invention of a simple lock which prevents the theft of extra automobile tires. It has just been adopted by three automobile concerns as standard equipment and he has already received orders for 15,000 locks.

Not a mechanic by trade, but a drummer in his own orchestra, Johnson fell upon the idea when a friend once sought his aid in attaching the old style chain safety device, after he had suffered the loss of a tire.

His invention is the result of six months "tinkering," as he expresses it, and the expenditure of \$500 in perfecting it in Chicago, with the aid of experts. The lock is in the form of the regular lug, but forms a shell that encloses the lug. The shell is closed by a lid with a Yale lock, and the device will withstand pounding or misuse of any kind. The entire affair weighs less than three pounds and is made of bronze and steel, with a nickel-plated finish.

Johnson receives a royalty of \$1 on each lock. He is sole owner of the patent, and will go to Chicago to superintend production. When asked how he happened to strike upon the idea, he simply said, "By using my nut."

## Tampering With Jurors Alleged in Murder Trial

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Efforts he made to have her contradict other testimony were likewise fruitless.

Miss Wortsmit testified Lawson accused his wife of turning over some of the money she earned by immorality to another man.

"Twenty-six dollars is not enough for a Saturday night in any hotel. Who's got the rest?" he demanded to know," she said. "Then he picked up a gun on the dresser. 'If you don't shoot square with me, I'll kill you,' he threatened. I told him if he was not satisfied to step out if we would return home. 'One or both of you will never leave town alive,' he threatened."

The morning of the shooting Lawson overheard the girls discussing their return home. Miss Wortsmit further testified.

"Jeanette said she was tired of the life and the sooner she got out of it, the better. 'I'm not the same Jeanette that I was before,' she said. We agreed to meet in Kansas City later and go home together, but I warned her to be careful on account of Lawson's threat. Just then he opened the door and walked in.

Pleads Vainly for Life.

"I heard what you said and I'm going to kill you," he announced. "Where's my gun?"

"I hid it. You wouldn't kill me, Jack," pleaded Jeanette. "I've got a mother and baby to live for."

"I've got a mother, too," he retorted.

"Then why don't you go back to her. Nobody here wants you," Eulalia said.

The wife then went upstairs, the witness testified. Lawson followed her and the sister below heard him call her twice, but receive no answer.

"Then a shot rang out," she testified. "I flew up the basement stairs, just in time to see her falling."

"My God, you've killed Jeanette," she screamed.

"I know it, and I hope she dies," he replied.

Lawson then called the police, lit a cigarette and sat coolly on a day-bed, his overcoat over his arm, waiting for the police to arrive, she said.

Miss Wortsmit charged her brother-in-law with urging her into a life of shame.

"I was tired of life in the town where we lived and he showed me where I could see the world and make a lot of money," she said.

Both she and her sister turned over their earnings to him each morning, she revealed.

Lawson himself exhibited no feeling throughout the long recital, merely shading his eyes with his left hand.

Temporary insanity and the defense that the dead woman held him in her power will be established, his attorneys announced in his opening statement.

Miss Wortsmit will continue on the stand this morning.

Motorcyclist Sues Dairy  
For \$30,000 for Collision

Robert Allen, by his father G. T. Allen, filed suit in district court yesterday against the Alamito Dairy company for \$30,000, alleging he was run down by a truck and injured so that he will never recover.

The accident is alleged to have occurred at Twenty-seventh and Leavenworth streets, February 18. Allen, who is 16, was riding a motorcycle when the truck struck him, he says.

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## Ludwig Martens, Red Envoy, Paid Own Way Home

He Was Not Deported, But  
Was Permitted to Sail in  
Order to Leave Harding  
Free to Work Out Policy.

Washington, March 2.—Ludwig Martens, former Russian soviet agent in the United States, was not deported but was permitted by Secretary Wilson to depart with execution of the deportation warrant in order to leave the incoming administration free to work out its own Russian policy.

Secretary Wilson, in a memorandum submitted today to Assistant Secretary Post, declared Martens could have prolonged his stay for months by instituting habeas corpus proceedings after issuance of the deportation warrant and that this was waived by permitting him to return to Russia at his own expense without its execution.

Commenting on the senate resolution asking Attorney General Palmer for an opinion as to whether cancellation of Martens deportation warrant through the action of Assistant Secretary Post would operate to permit his return to this country, Secretary Wilson declared the cancellation was made at his direct "instructions" and that it would not permit Martens to return.

"Conditions in Russia," he continued, "are rapidly changing."

Prisoner on Parole  
Who Offered to Sell  
Body Is Rearrested

Revocation of a parole granted F. Leon Soper last summer, after he had been convicted of forgery, will be asked by Adult Probation Officer Moses P. O'Brien. Soper, according to O'Brien, was arrested a week ago at the Sanford hotel, charged with the illegal possession of liquor.

Soper came into prominence some months ago, when a prisoner in the county jail. He wrote a letter to officials of the Creighton Medical school, offering his body for sale, saying the money he would receive would enable him to obtain an attorney to fight his case. He also pleaded that he was a victim of tuberculosis.

The medical college refused to buy Soper's body after death, but Soper was finally released, his alleged pitiful condition arousing the pity of many.

"He will certainly go to the penitentiary this time," Probation Officer O'Brien said yesterday.

American Legion Post  
Opens Employment Bureau

The Douglas county post of the American Legion has organized an employment department at headquarters in the court house. Harry R. Weinberg will have charge and will endeavor to find places for all ex-servicing men out of work. Persons needing help are requested to telephone Douglas 5768.

Home builders' short courses were held in the afternoon and evening in the Auditorium, open to the public.

Harding to Waste No  
Time in Tackling Job

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Mr. Denby heartily and the retiring and incoming naval heads spent several hours talking over the routine of the department. They suspended business long enough to appear on the steps of the state, war and navy building to accommodate photographers and moving picture operators. After several pictures had been taken, Mr. Denby submitting graciously, one of the photographers asked him to wait just a minute for another snapshot.

Just Beginning.

"Just one more and I will be through with you," said the picture man.

"Why, boy," said the new secretary with a smile, "you're just beginning with me."

Mr. Herbert Hoover, the future secretary of commerce, also arrived and spent the day studying reports of the department, which were supplied him by Secretary Alexander. Charles Evans Hughes, who will be Mr. Harding's secretary of state, will arrive tomorrow. Mr. Hughes has arranged to take the oath of office Saturday morning. Bainbridge Colby, the retiring secretary, will meet Mr. Hughes at 10:30 o'clock in his office and after the oath has been administered will present him to officials of the department. Mr. Weeks will take over the war office at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Mr. Denby arranged with Secretary Daniels to take over the Navy department at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

President Wilson told friends this afternoon that he was eager to participate in the inauguration ceremony of his successor to the fullest extent possible, and weather conditions permitting, he plans to attend the ceremony on the east front of the capitol, although he will not attempt to reach the platform in the procession from the senate immediately after the inauguration of the new vice president. If he goes to the east front he will be taken there by a shorter route and will be seated before Mr. Harding arrives to take the oath and deliver his inaugural address.

North Platte Man Shoots  
Landlady and Tries Suicide

North Platte, Neb., March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Victor Moss, 30, test board worker for the American Telephone company, seriously wounded Mrs. W. L. Lenton and then attempted to take his own life. Both are in a serious condition.

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Mrs. Lenton's husband is a switchman for the Union Pacific and was out of town. The Lentons have two small children.

Army Officers Seek State  
Aid for Paving Ft. Crook Road

Maj. Frank R. Weeks, engineering officer, and Lieut. Col. H. L. Myers of Fort Crook and members of the Chamber of Commerce were in Lincoln Wednesday to urge the passage of House Roll No. 578, providing for state and federal aid for the paving of the road to Fort Crook.

The future of Fort Crook as an important army post depends on the passage of the bill, those interested said yesterday.

## House Committee Scores Landis in Urging Inquiry

Judiciary Body Declares Ac-  
ceptance of Base Ball Job  
Inconsistent With Per-  
formance of Duties.

Washington, March 2.—Acceptance by Federal Judge Landis of the position as supreme base ball arbitrator is inconsistent with the full and adequate performance of his duties as judge and constitutes a serious impropriety on his part, the house judiciary committee held today in recommending full investigation at the next session of congress of impeachment charges made by Representative Welby, democrat Ohio.

The report of the subcommittee was adopted unanimously by the full committee, although Chairman Volstead reserved the right to file a minority report.

The subcommittee said the charges of Mr. Welby involved "the legal and moral character" of Judge Landis' alleged act in accepting employment as base ball arbitrator at a salary of \$42,500 a year and that it had found "that said act of accepting the employment aforesaid, if proved, is in their opinion, at least, inconsistent with the full and adequate performance of the duty" said Kenesaw Mountain Landis as a United States district judge and that said act would constitute a serious impropriety on the part of said judge.

The report was signed by Representative Dyer, republican, Missouri, as chairman; Representatives Husted, New York; Boies, Iowa, a republican; Gard, Ohio, and Summers, Texas, democrats.

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