

Harding Is Ready For New Duties

President-Elect Arrives at Washington and Goes Into Series of Conferences With Members of Cabinet.

Pays Call to White House

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Washington, March 3.—With the 10 members of his cabinet in the capitol and his installation address in type, former Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio is ready for his inauguration tomorrow as the 29th president of the United States.

The plans for this simplest inaugural in many years are complete, but the extent to which President Wilson will be able to participate in the ceremonies, on account of his infirmity, is still undetermined.

He is confident he will be able to appear in the senate if not on the east front with Mr. Harding, but members of his family are endeavoring to dissuade him from attempting so much and some of them have urged him not to go to the capitol at all, feeling that public exhibition of his crippled condition would only distress himself and others.

Arriving in Washington shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon, the president-elect established himself at the Willard hotel and from that moment until he retired tonight, was caught in a whirl of preparations for his forthcoming duties.

Holds Many Conferences. The afternoon was devoted to a series of conferences between Mr. Harding and members of his cabinet, senators and representatives, republican leaders and prospective officeholders.

Late in the afternoon the president-elect and Mrs. Harding drove to the White House and made a call of courtesy on President and Mrs. Wilson. Earlier in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Harding called on Mrs. Champ Clark and expressed their sympathy for her in her bereavement.

The day was rounded out with a dinner of Ohio folks given by Carmi Thompson, at which Mr. and Mrs. Harding were the guests of honor.

At 5 o'clock the president-elect received the Washington correspondents by appointment. Mr. Harding, bronzed by the Florida sun and looking physically fit for his big task, shook hands with the reporters, and when all were assembled addressed them informally.

"I did not make this appointment with the view of delivering a speech to you," said Mr. Harding with a smile. "I would like to meet you all before I assume office because I thought it would place us on a better footing to meet as members of the craft, for I am a newspaper man myself, you know."

To Receive Every Courtesy. "Of one thing I want to assure you, and that is that you will receive from the executive of the next four years every courtesy becoming that great office, and that you will be able to feel as welcome at the White House as I should want to feel if I were in your place."

Among the earlier callers on the president-elect was James J. Davis of Pittsburgh, whose appointment as secretary of labor the president-elect had announced a few hours previously, as his train left Baltimore.

This announcement completed the cabinet slate. Mr. Davis was formerly a union steel worker but is now a banker in Pittsburgh, though he is probably known most widely as the head of the Loyal Order of Moose, to the development of which he has devoted much time for a number of years.

The new cabinet secretary was closeted with Mr. Harding for half an hour and then left to get in touch with Secretary Wilson, to arrange for the transfer of the portfolio on Saturday.

Bluffs Man Killed by Fall in Elevator Shaft

Robert Voigt, 68, 118 North Seventh street, Council Bluffs, was killed yesterday noon as the result of a fall into an elevator shaft at the Great Western freight house in Council Bluffs. He was employed by the Franklin Yuleon Co., and was engaged in driving a wagon. No one saw him fall into the shaft, but employees heard his cries and discovered him lying at the bottom with a crushed chest. He died before doctors could be called.

Mr. Voigt came to the Bluffs from Louisville, Ky., five years ago. He is survived by his wife, four daughters and four sons. The daughters are Mrs. John Hires, Mrs. Fred Ross, Miss Verne and Mrs. Frank Thorburg of Belgrade, Neb., and the sons are William and Guy at home and Frank and Ollie at Belgrade, Neb. Coroner Henry Cutler may hold an inquest, he says.

Senate Passes Resolution To Return Body of Soldier

Washington, D. C., March 3.—The senate completed enactment of a house resolution instructing the War department to bring back from French battlefields the body of one unidentified American dead soldier, for interment with appropriate ceremonies in Arlington national cemetery.

Held For Forgery

McCook, Neb., March 3.—John Clemmons was brought to McCook from Plattsmouth to answer to a charge of forging two checks on McCook merchants. Clemmons was employed here for some time before going to Plattsmouth.

Woman Named on Jury In Reno Murder Case

Reno, Nev., March 3.—Mrs. Mabel Finch, wife of Attorney James Finch of this city, the first woman's name to be drawn from the jury panel in the trial of James H. Neven, prominent politician and mining man, accused of the murder of Mrs. Etta Hannan February 3, was tentatively selected as a juror in the case.

Mrs. Finch survived the examination of attorneys and was passed for cause. Unless removed by a peremptory challenge, she will be sworn as one of the 12 to pass on the guilt or innocence of Neven. When the trial was resumed the panel had been reduced to 54 and a special venire was ordered drawn by Judge Moran. At noon 10 had been passed for cause.

Lawson Calmly Tells of Slaying His Young Wife

Detective Chief, Testifying at Trial, Denies Intimidation Prisoner Was Intimidated At Police Station.

"I told her I was going to kill her. She laughed. I showed her the revolver and she laughed again. Then I saw red and shot her."

Thus did Burnell Lawson, youthful wife slayer, calmly relate details of the recent tragedy to Acting Chief of Detectives Pzanoski, according to the chief's testimony yesterday in district court, where Lawson is on trial for murder.

"Lawson said his wife double-crossed him," said Pzanoski. "He said she hadn't been giving him all the money. He said he was a bit hot-headed."

Gene O'Sullivan, counsel for Lawson, questioned Pzanoski concerning reports Lawson had been intimidated after his arrest.

Denies Intimidation. "Didn't someone threaten to beat Lawson up?" Didn't some men outside your office shout, 'Lynch him, electrocute him? Didn't some one tell him the government was going to take the case over and that he would be electrocuted tomorrow?" O'Sullivan asked.

"They did not," replied Pzanoski. Joseph Jacobs, police reporter for The Bee, and Reid Zimmerman, police reporter for the World-Herald, testified that in their interviews with Lawson he had not mentioned improper relations of his wife with another man as his reason for shooting her.

County Attorney Shotwell read a letter alleged to have been written by the young husband to a youth named Henry M. Pratt, in Kansas City. It read in part:

"Setting pretty with Jake, a Victoria and new clothes and everything. Have \$100 cold cash in the bank. Girls are fat and healthy and making boco jake."

Lawson urged his friend to join them in Omaha. Pratt, on the stand, testified he arrived in Omaha with "Billy" Silvers on Friday, January 21. Lawson met them at the station and took them to his apartment.

"When we got out there I asked him where his wife was," testified Pratt. "He said she was at the hotel. On the day of the murder Silvers, two women friends and I were playing cards in the Lawson apartment."

"Lawson, his wife and his sister-in-law were in a back room. Lawson came out and said, 'We thought jokingly, that he guessed he would have to kill his wife."

Went for Soap. "Just then one of our women friends said she needed some soap. Lawson gave Silvers and I a dollar and asked us to go out and get some. When we came back a few minutes later Lawson was standing outside the apartment."

"Boys, if you don't want to see a murder done go upstairs," he said. "We ran up to my apartment. His wife was lying unconscious on the floor, wounded in the head. Eulalia, her sister, was sobbing by her side. When the police arrived, the prosecution predicted last night the trial would continue until next Tuesday. About 20 more witnesses will be called by the prosecution."

Large crowds, principally women and girls, jammed the court room to capacity. Court attaches were startled when, yesterday noon, they saw almost a dozen girls devouring lunches they had brought with them to the trial. It is the first time in the history of district court women have brought lunches rather than chance missing some of the harrowing details of a trial, they say.

Milk Prices Cut at Lincoln

Lincoln, Neb., March 3.—Effective tomorrow, the price of milk to consumers will be reduced to 11 cents a quart, a cut of 1 cent. Milk retails for 15 cents a quart here three months ago.

Snow Scenes

Four beautiful pictures of winter day scenes in Omaha parks are reproduced in the Rotogravure Section of The Bee for next Sunday. They are striking examples of expert photographic artistry.

In addition the Roto Section will offer a page of photos of Omaha "kiddies" and an unusual collection of costume pictures for movie fans.

Congress In Mad Rush

Many Bills Receive Death Blows During Last Desperate Attempt to Clean Up Late Measures.

House Honors Clark

By The Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 3.—Congress tonight neared its end in the usual desperate attempts to pass eleventh-hour measures. Night sessions were held and many bills received their death blows while numerous others escaped.

The \$395,000,000 navy bill appeared to be the only regular supply bill which would pass. Its loss was conceded tonight on all sides.

For the second time the house tonight refused to concur in the senate amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill, providing \$10,000,000 for work during the coming fiscal year on the government dam near the Muscle Shoals, Ala., electric plant. The vote was 207 to 144.

The Fordney emergency tariff bill was returned to the house today with the president's veto. The house agreed to take it up tonight with little expectation that the necessary two-thirds vote to override the veto would be forthcoming.

Tribute to Clark. Important bills remaining in President Wilson's hands without indication of their fate were the immigration restriction bill, the wartime laws repeal measure and three appropriation bills, the army budget, completed today by congress, the annual agricultural bill, and the fortifications supply measure.

Despite the rush of business the house paused for an hour tonight to pay tribute to former Speaker Champ Clark.

The crux of battle was the navy bill in the senate. Senator Poindeux, republican, Washington, in charge of the measure, admitted its defeat early today and sought to withdraw it from the senate. It was ruled that his motion was not in order and the bill remained pending all day, but there was no program for its disposition.

Hopes for Storage Bill. Some leaders declared it was being used to head off consideration of the soldiers' bonus and other bills against which powerful opposition has been centered.

It appeared probable that the bill for government regulation of cold storage would be among those saved from defeat. A new compromise agreement in conference was reached and adopted promptly by the senate in similar action expected in the house.

Squeezed through the jam over the naval bill also was a new measure appropriating \$18,500,000 for hospital extensions for war veterans. Several nominations were confirmed by the senate with consent of republican leaders.

Train Dispatchers Strike as Protest Against Cut in Wages

Chicago, March 3.—For the first time in the history of the American Train Dispatchers' association, members have gone on strike, according to a statement issued by J. G. Lührsen, president of the organization. Dispatchers have already withdrawn from the service of the Missouri & North Arkansas railroad, he said, where a wage cut recently went into effect.

The dispatchers also will join other organizations in withdrawing from the service of the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railroad if they decide to strike, he added. This road went into receivership last week and a wage reduction was ordered by the federal court.

"These two cases grew out of decisions of the labor board," he said. "It seems to us that the whole structure of the transportation act is at stake. If a wage scale can be avoided by the mere subterfuge of having a receiver appointed, then we had better know it now than later."

Judicial Reapportionment Measure Passes Senate

Lincoln, March 3.—(Special.)—S. F. 154, the judicial reapportionment bill, finally received the approval of the Nebraska senate in the committee of the whole after a vigorous fight was made to amend the provision giving Douglas county nine instead of the present seven judges.

The bill was advanced to third reading with the original provision for nine judges for Douglas county. Witt led the fight to cut down the Douglas county apportionment after he had defeated a proposed amendment by Senator Hoagland giving the district which he represents two instead of one judge.

Mexican Bandits at Fremont Hold Up Countrymen in Car

Fremont, Neb., March 3.—(Special.)—Shouting, "We're officers," six Mexican bandits ordered occupants of a Union Pacific bus house at Mercer, six miles east of Fremont, to open the door.

Flourishing firearms they obtained \$55 in money, watches valued at \$60. The inmates of the bus house were also Mexicans and now a revolution is brewing in the attempt to locate their traitorous countrymen. Three of the gunmen were seen boarding a night train out of Fremont.

Boxing Bill Passes

Lincoln, March 3.—(Special.)—The American Legion boxing bill passed the house on third reading today by a vote of 72 to 20. It now goes to the senate for consideration.

"Jehovah" Sykes Is Released From Jail

Denver, March 3.—Joshua (Jehovah) Sykes, self-appointed king of heaven and earth and head of the Temple of David cult here, was released from the Denver jail this afternoon on instructions from the United States district attorney at San Francisco.

The instructions stated that Sykes had been given a stay of execution and that if he departed from Denver tonight, he would have time to arrive in San Francisco in accordance with the court.

Sykes is under sentence of 18 months in the federal prison for obstructing the United States war program.

Germany Given Until Monday to Agree to Terms

Allies Will Take Immediate Steps by Occupying Three Cities and Tax Merchandise for Payment.

London, March 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—Germany was today given until Monday noon to accept the fundamental conditions laid down by the supreme allied council at Paris. The German delegates were informed by the allied representatives today that if Germany does not accept those terms the allies will take immediate steps.

The first will be the occupation by allied troops of the cities of Duisburg and Dusseldorf and Ruhrdorf.

Second, each allied country will place such a tax on German merchandise as it may deem proper.

Third, a customs boundary along the Rhine under allied control, will be established.

Won't Reduce Years. The German delegation was informed that allies would not reduce the period of 42 years allotted for the payment of the total amount of reparations by Germany.

Germany's counter proposals, which were submitted to the allies on Tuesday, were not susceptible of examination, Premier Lloyd George told Dr. W. Brüning, head of the German delegation, in substance, after today's session of the conference had assembled at St. James palace at noon.

Violation of Obligations. Mr. Lloyd George said the attitude taken by the German empire regarding reparations was, in addition, a grave violation of the obligations of Germany toward the allies. He reminded the German representatives that their government had not fulfilled the treaty of Versailles relative to coal deliveries, disarmament, the payment of 20,000,000,000 marks in gold and the punishment of German officers and soldiers accused of crimes during the war.

Germany, added the British prime minister, in refusing to accept the concessions proposed by the allies with regard to reparations, had by the same act renounced the advantages granted her at the previous conference with the allies.

Mr. Lloyd George then, on behalf of the allies, announced the ultimatum.

Princess Anastasia, Formerly Mrs. Leeds of New York, Seriously Ill

Athens, March 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—Princess Anastasia, wife of Prince Christopher of Greece, who has been violently ill of stomach trouble for several days, seemed to be in a serious condition today.

Dr. Hoover, chief of the American Red Cross hospital in Constantinople, is being rushed to this city on a destroyer for a consultation with seven Greek physicians who have been treating the patient. A physician who attended the princess while she was a resident of Switzerland has also been summoned. An operation may be necessary.

Princess Anastasia was formerly Mrs. William B. Leeds of New York. She was married to Prince Christopher in Switzerland early in 1920.

Bank Clerk's Theft Does Not Shake Employer's Faith

Chicago, March 3.—The theft of \$72,000 in bonds by Wm. Dalton, 17-year-old clerk in the Northern Trust company, "has not shaken our faith in young men," H. O. Edmonds, a vice president of the company, said today, "and his unfaithfulness has not caused any appreciable change in our system."

Statements of other Chicago bank clerks today also declared "honesty is not a matter of age."

\$75,000 Tapestry Given to Mrs. Wilson Goes to Home

Washington, March 3.—The \$75,000 tapestry, presented to Mrs. Wilson by the legislature of the state of New York, will find a place in the new home of the Wilsons. Mrs. Wilson, it was learned today, has removed the tapestry from the east room of the White House, where it has been hanging since it was brought to the United States.

Hamburg Is Port of 543 Ships During February

Hamburg, March 3.—Five hundred and forty-three vessels, having a tonnage totaling 672,278, arrived here during the month of February. Of these, 33 flew the American flag.

"March"-ing Fourth



Language Bill Passes Senate With Eight Nays

Re-Enacted Siman Law With New Teeth Now Goes to House—Many Explain Votes.

Lincoln, March 3.—(Special.)—The Nebraska state senate passed the re-enacted Siman foreign bill, S. F. 109, on third reading Thursday morning, by a vote of 22 to 8. It now goes to the house.

The eight who opposed the bill included Senator Norval of Seward, the original introducer, and Senators Cronin, Harris, Humphrey, Johnson, McGowan, Ulrich and Wilse.

Three of the eight—Norval, Wilse and Harris—explained their votes against the measure.

"I vote aye without apologies," said Senator Rickard, when his name was called.

Drastic Features Removed. Senator Berka voted "aye" to the explanation that amendments had been made that removed the more drastic features of the bill.

"Believing that some of the provisions of this bill are unconstitutional and violate the rights of the people, I vote no," said Senator Norval.

Senator Wilse said the Siman law met all requirements, and that the proposed law "goes further than necessary in restricting the privileges of the people and much further than the public demands." He expressed himself also opposed to criminal laws with emergency clauses attached.

Senator Harris said he was convinced the law was unconstitutional, that it would be thrown out and the state would then have no law on the subject.

Changes in Law. The bill as it now stands, which is virtually a substitute measure introduced as an amendment by Senator Perry Reed of Hamilton, re-enacts the Siman law, provides that foreign languages can be taught on the Sabbath alone, and fixes a penalty for any organization or individuals who discriminate against the English language. It expressly permits parents to teach foreign languages to their children or employ private tutors to do so.

Those voting for the bill on third reading: Anderson, Beebe, Berka, Bliss, Brown, Bushee, Cooper, Davis, Dutton, Cannon, Halderman, Hastings, Hoagland, Pickett, Randall, Reed, Rickard, Robbins, Saunders, Sturm, Warner and Watson.

Senator Miller, who returned later, asked to be recorded as voting for the passage of the bill.

Freezing Temperature Is Forecast for Inaugural

Washington, March 3.—Fair weather with temperatures close to freezing will prevail tomorrow during inauguration, a special forecast by the weather bureau today made known.

The sky was overcast today and flights and hunting drooped with the weight of moisture gathered during a night of slow, steady rain.

Utah Copper Company Cuts Dividend to 50 Cents

New York, March 3.—The Utah copper company today cut its regular quarterly dividend from \$1.50 to 50 cents per share. At the same time the Ray Consolidated Copper company announced it had passed its quarterly dividend due at this time.

Senator Strikes Back at Williams

Chairman McLean Accuses Controlling of Being "Poor Loser."

Washington, March 3.—Chairman McLean of the senate banking committee struck back today at John Skelton Williams, retiring controller of the currency, who in his letter of resignation to President Wilson, made public last night, charged that the senator had prevented his confirmation by the senate.

"Mr. Williams had every opportunity to disprove the charges urged against his confirmation," Senator McLean said in a formal statement.

"The committee voted against reporting his nomination back to the senate."

"It is now Mr. Williams' privilege to abuse the court; and, as that court is composed of senators, it is to be expected that he will have the cordial co-operation of the chief executive."

"Outside of Mr. Williams' reprehensible conduct in office, it is to be borne in mind that there was an election last November, and his letter to the president would indicate that he is a very poor loser."

Nebraska Youths Are Held for Attempt to Blackmail Governor

Denver, Colo., March 3.—An attempt to blackmail Governor Shoup was revealed today when Colorado rangers arrested Homer Crandell, 11, and George, 18, his brother, following receipt of a letter demanding \$5,000. Tonight the rangers are seeking the boys' father, James Crandell, of Ainsworth, Neb.

The letter was signed "An Ex-service Man," and the writers promised to legislate the money with interest at 10 per cent on March 2, 1922.

The arrest of the boys followed placing of a decoy package under a bridge over the Platte river. As soon as the package had been thrown over the bridge rail, the boys ran from their camp nearby and seized it.

The Crandells were on their way by wagon to the Pacific coast. The boys said their father left camp this morning to mail a letter and left instructions that they stay and watch the camp closely.

Women Lobbyists Busy For Child Welfare Bills

Lincoln, March 3.—(Special.)—Women lobbyists in support of child welfare bills are more conspicuous in legislative halls now than at any time during the session. Every available minute is being used by them in pushing the child welfare program on the legislators, while the committee is busy clearing its skirts of the numerous welfare bills by throwing them out on general file for consideration of the house.

Railroad Yards Congested By Heavy Grain Movement

Blue Springs, Neb., March 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Nine thousand tons of wheat, representing about four trains, was assembled at Red Cloud. It represented the business here for 24 hours. It was so heavy it caused congestion in the yards. Twenty-seven locomotives in and out of roundhouse were required to move 1,700 cars of general merchandise and grain.

Kill Annexation Bill

Lincoln, March 3.—(Special.)—The Sarpy county annexation bill has been killed in committee.

Tariff Bill Vetoed By President

Wilson Says Situation Cannot Be Remedied by Fordney Emergency Measure in Message to Congress.

Foreign Markets Needed

By The Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 3.—The emergency tariff bill was vetoed today by President Wilson. It was some time after the veto message was received before it was read in the house and some leaders expressed doubt as to whether an attempt would be made to override the veto.

Regarding the measure, President Wilson said the "situation in which many farmers find themselves cannot be remedied by a measure of this sort," and that "there is no short way out of existing conditions."

Actual relief for the farmers, the president asserted, could only come from the adoption of constructive measures of a broader scope, from the restoration of peace everywhere in the world, the resumption of normal industrial pursuits, the recovery, particularly of Europe and the discovery there of additional credit foundation.

Need Foreign Markets. The American farmer, the president asserted, needed the present situation of domestic marketing and credit and an opening to foreign markets, rather than protection from foreign products as laid down in the tariff bill.

The president remarked that it was a little peculiar that the measure "which strikes a blow at our foreign trade, should follow so closely upon the action of congress directing the resumption of certain activities of the war finance corporation, especially the urgent insistence of representatives of the farming interests who believe its resumption would improve foreign marketing."

After the veto measure had been read, the house agreed to take up the veto at 9 o'clock tonight.

Text of Veto Note. The text of President Wilson's veto follows: "The House of Representatives: 'I return herewith without my approval, H. R. 15,275, an act imposing temporary duties on certain agricultural products to meet present emergencies, to provide revenue and for other purposes."

"The title of this measure indicates it has several purposes. The report of the committee on ways and means reveals that its principal object is to furnish relief to certain producers in the nation who have been unable to discover satisfactory markets in foreign countries for their products and whose prices have fallen."

"Very little reflection would lead anyone to conclude that the measure would not furnish, in any substantial degree, the relief intended."

Action Against Firms For Sale of Spoiled Salmon Recommended

Washington, D. C., March 3.—Recommendations that the Department of Justice institute criminal proceedings against dealers who, in 1918, sold the War department 5,000,000 cans of salmon held by government experts to be unfit for human consumption, are contained in a majority report filed by the house war investigating committee. The democratic members of the committee presented a dissenting report.

The majority report condemned the War department for failing to take steps looking to the prosecution of the dealers, condemned the department for selling the salmon, attacked the contract concerning the sale, and recommended that the Department of Justice determine as to the possibility of recovering additional sums under the contract.

Two Banks in Iowa Go Into Liquidation

Emmetsburg, Ia., March 3.—Blaming "general depression," officers of the Emmetsburg National bank, Palo Alto county's oldest financial institution, closed the doors of the bank. President R. C. Williams, in a statement to the press, declared that not a dollar would be lost by depositors. The bank has not failed," said the statement of the president. "We're merely closing now to avoid failure."

Des Moines, Ia., March 3.—The Farmers' Savings bank of Ulmer, Ia., was closed and in charge of a state bank examiner, it was announced at the state banking department today. The bank has not failed," said the American officials connected with the treaty of September 16, 1915."

Three Countries Enter Alliance Against Reds

Budapest, March 3.—An alliance against the bolsheviks has been entered into between Poland, Rumania and Hungary and the treaty of alliance was signed Tuesday, according to reliable information.

The Weather

Forecast. Fair and warmer Friday. Hourly Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows for 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon.

Shipments during the next 24 to 28 hours from temperatures as follows: North, east and west, 36 degrees; shipments south can be made safely.