

President Delves Into Politics

Close Teamwork Expected Between Administration and National Committee Since Reorganization.

Pass "Buck" to Congress

By N. O. MESSENGER. Copyright, 1921, By Washington Star. Washington, June 11.—(Special Telegram.)—President Harding, by way of variety and change from the long routine of international and domestic problems he has been considering recently, made a brief excursion into national politics this week.

The president, however, had for a day or two been conferring privately with individuals and groups of the national committee and change of representation in national conventions. After a day spent over these details the committee and committeewomen enjoyed an evening at the White House with President and Mrs. Harding.

Let it not be understood that the chief executive is not keeping a wary eye on politics. While he is the president of all the people, and not of the republican party alone, at the same time a majority, to the extent of some 7,000,000 people, voted for him for president as the head of the republican party, and he is carrying the banner of that political organization.

President Harding made careful and diligent study of the national committee with whom he talked about affairs in their respective states. He intends, it is said, to keep himself posted at all times on the varying political phases of the times.

There promises to be close teamwork between the administration and the national committee from now, following the reorganization of the executive management of the committee. Postmaster General Hays and Attorney General Daugherty will be in the executive councils of the national committee and will form a closer connecting link between the administration and the committee.

The argument put forward by the national committee who were here last week to the congressmen was something like this: "We politicians did the trick for you congressmen last fall and rolled up a record republican majority. It behooves you to pick up the burden now and come through with response to the known demands of the voters for relief. We promised returning prosperity, and it is incumbent upon you to make it come."

Which constitutes a line of argument appreciated by the congressmen as but adding to their anxieties without affording enlightenment as to the ways and means for palliating them.

Will H. Hays, the retiring chairman of the national committee, in his swansong, caused a cold chill of apprehension to run down the spine of the committee, and of several congressmen who were participating in the committee meeting on proxies of absentee members, when he somewhat sharply reminded them "that no majority is necessarily permanent and that certainty of continued success comes only with certainty of performance."

Majority No Alibi. He also pointed out that "a seven million majority is large, but it is not an alibi for the mistakes, misdeeds and extravagances of misgovernment." He held that "we have our opportunity but there is a consequent proportionate accountability that is very properly inevitable."

Former Newspaper Man Deputy Commissioner Of Internal Revenue

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, June 11.—Francis G. Matson, former Chicago newspaperman, today was appointed deputy commissioner of internal revenue in charge of the divisions of information, supplies and equipment, tobacco, oleomargarine and miscellaneous taxes.

Thousands Pay Last Tribute to Col. Galbraith

Funeral Services for Late American Legion Commander, Killed in Auto Wreck, Held in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, June 11.—Thousands today paid tribute to the memory of Col. F. W. Galbraith, jr., national commander of the American Legion, who was killed in an automobile accident.

The funeral services were held in Music hall, with each of the 4,000 seats taken. The obsequies were under the auspices of the American Legion and were marked by great simplicity. Brief orations were delivered by Rev. John Herget, who was the chaplain of the 147th infantry, which was commanded by Colonel Galbraith in France; Rev. Frederick McMillin, who also was an overseas chaplain; Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, who represented the government; former Congressman Victor Heintz of Ohio, who was a captain under Galbraith; Col. Franklin D'Olier, former commander of the Legion, and Marcel Knecht, director of the French information service in the United States, who was the representative of France.

In his address, Mr. Roosevelt said: "We mourn his death, but we are proud of his life. We shall miss him in the troubled days that lie before us, but our faith in our country is strengthened in that it can breed such men."

Colonel D'Olier said: "The Legion has lost its great leader, the service man, and especially the disabled man, has lost his best friend; this city, this state and this nation, has lost one of its most useful citizens."

Captain De Levergne, air attaché of the French embassy, posthumously conferred on Colonel Galbraith the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor by declaration of the president of France.

After the military services, the Scottish Rite conferred its imperial burial ceremonial. The body was borne on a gun carriage, followed by a large military funeral cortege, to a vault in Spring Grove cemetery, where it was placed preparatory to its interment in the Arlington cemetery in Washington.

One of the tributes offered consisted of palms bound with the tri-color of France. It was the tribute of the citizens of Chateau Thierry.

King Victor Emmanuel in Speech Urges Co-operation. Rome, June 11.—King Victor Emmanuel opened the session of the new Italian parliament here today and the speech he had prepared for the occasion made a strong appeal for co-operation by all political parties in the reconstruction of the country. Italy will continue to cooperate with the allies in dealing with international problems, the speech declared.

Kansas Supreme Court Affirms Howat Conviction. Topeka, Kan., June 11.—In the most sweeping decision yet handed down affecting validity of the Kansas industrial court law, the state supreme court today affirmed the decision of the Crawford county district court in the Howat case.

WHERE TO FIND The Big Features of The Sunday Bee. The Three Dead Men by Eden Philpotts—Part 4, Page 1. "Counting the Stars"—Rotogravure Section, Page 1. Photos of South High School June Graduates—Part 4, Page 3. Omaha Society Women Pose For Midsummer Styles Displayed in Omaha Stores—Rotogravure Section, Page 2. Married Life of Helen and Warren—Part 4, Page 8. June Graduates of Benson High School—Rotogravure Section, Page 2. "The Husking Bee"—Part 4, Page 4. "One Words Leads to Another, by Montague"—Part 1, Page 7. For the Children—Part 4, Page 2. Editorial Comment—Part 4, Page 4. Sports, News and Features—Part 3, Pages 1 and 2.

New \$100,000 Assistant Formed to Assist Farmers. Dover, Del., June 11.—A charter was filed here today by the Farmers' Finance corporation, authorized to help finance the marketing of farm and related products, with a capital of \$100,000.

Farmers Must Defend New Language Law

Get TNT at Cost Price. Major Risks Court-Martial to Prevent Dumping of 26,000,000 Pounds of Explosive Into Ocean.

To Be Used for Blasting

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, June 11.—Twenty-six million pounds of picric acid, in scientific parlance, trinitrophenol (TNT) will be distributed shortly to the farmers of the west for blasting purposes. This acid, a part of the great store of explosives intended by the United States army to blow the huns out of their trenches in France, will be turned over to the farmer at cost by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Behind this prosaic announcement of the Department of Agriculture there is a story of a major in the United States army who was confronted with seeing this \$10,000,000 of valuable property dumped into the ocean or with risking court-martial to save it.

Explosive Not Destroyed. Perhaps it was because the major is red-headed, perhaps the aggressive fighting chin was responsible, but at any rate the \$10,000,000 was not destroyed and farmers of the country will shortly enjoy the benefit from the officer's refusal to execute an order. Furthermore, the soldier was not disciplined.

About the time that the German kaiser decided to change his residence from Berlin to Doorn, the War department announced that 26,000,000 pounds of TNT would be dumped into the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. Major Connolly, at his desk in the ordnance department, read the official order before it got to the newspapers. The major, who is a chemical engineer himself, knew that the TNT had cost the United States government from \$5 to 50 cents a pound and that before America got into the war it had sold as high as \$125 a pound.

He did not know that he could utilize an explosive intended to blow human beings to pieces, for the less exciting, but more useful work of blowing stumps and blasting rocks, but he was convinced that it could be done. He was so thoroughly convinced that he appealed to his chief to rescind the order, and failing there he appealed to Secretary of War Baker, thereby laying himself liable to army discipline. Failing to convince the secretary of war, he carried his appeal to the secretary of Interior Franklin K. Lane, thereby aggravating the original offense.

Would Find Way of Use. "Mr. Lane," said the major, "if you will get this 26,000,000 pounds of TNT from the War department I will find the way that you can use it in building roads, in carrying out your reclamation work and in every project that the government has on hand in connection with waste land. There is not a chemical manufactured by this government for war purposes that can't be converted now into peace usage. Anything that the government has in chemicals that those fellows say has no value, let me work with and I will prove that they are wrong."

That was "turning swords into plow shares" in reality. Secretary Lane saw the point. Moreover, at that time, the secretary had on hand his project for placing soldiers on government lands and he realized the immense saving that could be effected by securing the war explosives. Dr. Charles K. Munroe, chief explosives chemist of the bureau of mines, an authority on this subject, was asked his opinion. Dr. Munroe, it developed, was also interested in saving the munitions and he advised the department that TNT as well as the other material could be employed for commercial purposes.

Legislation Necessary. Secretary Lane thereupon requested the secretary of war to turn over the TNT to the Department of the Interior. Secretary Baker agreed to do so, but it was found that special legislation by congress was necessary before this could be done. The new company, did not look with favor upon this action of the government. If TNT was to be used for making good roads, for building dams, for reclamation in Alaska, naturally the government would not be in the market for commercial dynamite.

It was not long before one of their representatives called upon the custodian of these munitions in the bureau of mines. He felt particularly outraged that the government, which had bought explosives at fancy prices during the war, should use those explosives for purposes other than that of which they had been manufactured. He grew more indignant as the interview progressed and declared that if the Interior department persisted in its purpose, many of the powder plants of the country would be closed. May. The powder would suffer a loss and labor would be thrown out of employment. Finally he asked if the War department requested the return of these munitions would the Interior department give them up. He was informed that this could not be done as the

James W. Good Of Iowa Resigns From Lower House

Washington, June 11.—Representative James W. Good of Iowa, chairman of the house appropriation committee, resigned today, immediately after the house had adopted the conference report on the deficiency appropriation bill, the last big supply measure handled by him. He will practice law in Chicago.

Exclusive of the present session, Mr. Good served 12 years in congress as the representative from the Fifth Iowa district.

Democrats joined republicans in a round of speeches commending the retiring member.

Congressman Jefferis took a minute or two today while the house of representatives was eulogizing the retiring chairman of the appropriations committee, to tell facetiously of his association with Good at the University of Michigan where they were students together and graduated in the class of 1893.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Jefferis said: "All that has been said of Jim Good here today was displayed at Michigan university then, only in a different field of activity. He was at all times active, possessed of the great energy that has carried him through these years to such success. When the class separated 28 years ago, going out into the world, every one of the 321 young lawyers felt assured that we would hear from Jim Good and I know members of the class have the greatest pride and admiration for the sacrifice that he has made for 12 years of his life for his country's good. They, like all loyal true Americans, join in wishing him, for the balance of his life, all the happiness that it is possible for mortals to obtain on this terrestrial globe."

Actor Volunteers to Support Divorced Wife. Chicago, June 11.—Although granted a divorce, Charles L. Norman, an actor now playing with the Valessa Juratt troupe, volunteered before Judge Lewis in the superior court, to support his former wife because "she's a nice girl and just being on the stage, so I want to help her along."

Norman married Miss Agnes Loftus in 1918 at Oakland, Cal. Because his work was in Chicago, Norman wished to make his home here. His wife, however, he testified, refused to live here and six months after the wedding left him.

Former Attorney for Rail Commission Is Drowned. Lincoln, June 11.—(Special.)—Edmund J. Kates, formerly an attorney for the Nebraska state railway commission, was drowned Wednesday at Wilmington, N. C., when he attempted to save the life of a companion, according to word received in Lincoln. At the time of his death he was engineer examiner of the bureau of finance of the interstate commerce commission at Washington, D. C.

Four Omaha Men Charged With Violating Dry Law. Lincoln, June 11.—(Special.)—Completion of the following men under arrest at Omaha with violation of the national prohibition law were issued by United States District Attorney Tom Allen: J. William O'Hern, Charles Andrews, Richard G. Henderson and Rosario Coniglio.

Colorado Flood Waters Reach North Platte. No Serious Damage Is Feared—Predict Rise of One Foot During Night Hours.

North Platte, Neb., June 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The Colorado flood water in the South Platte river reached this city early this morning and since then has been slowly rising. The dirt approach to the bridge south of town was broken through this morning, but late this afternoon the washout was bridged and travel from the south has been resumed.

The water rushing through the break has submerged the land between the river and the city, but it is not believed that it will seriously affect buildings in the extreme south part of town.

Reports from the west indicate that the river will continue to rise throughout the night, probably a foot above the present mark. The recently built concrete bridge is not considered in danger. Two river bridges between here and Ogallala are reported to have gone out.

Union Pacific employees went to Ogallala on a special train having on board a large quantity of nitroglycerine which will be used in blowing up a bridge fill that is diverting the water into a course that submerges the railroad tracks.

Trains from the west were not much delayed by reason of submerged track in the flooded district. The Lincoln highway, both east and west of North Platte, has not been affected and probably will not as it is located a considerable distance from the river on high ground.

The North Platte river is running bank full, but has been stationary today. Below the junction of the North Platte and South Platte rivers it is probable that considerable damage to bridges will result and perhaps to farms.

Bluffs Freight Train Beholds I.W.W. Organizer. Man Killed While Attempting To Steal Ride; Carried Official Credentials and Bolshevik Medal.

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Time for a Pill



Herdzina Not Guilty, Jury Says

Verdict Returned After Six Hours' Deliberation in Trial Over South Side Shooting Affray.

Wife Grows Hysterical. City Detective John Herdzina was found not guilty of manslaughter for the slaying of Joseph Howard by a jury which returned its verdict in Judge Leslie's court at 5:45 Saturday afternoon.

The jury had retired at 11:45 and through the afternoon hours conviction deepened among court followers that no decision would be reached.

There was a hush over the court room as Clerk W. M. Pardee read the verdict, followed by such a demonstration on the part of the detective's relatives that the judge warned them to be quiet.

Shakes Hands of Jurors. As the jury filed out of the room Herdzina shook hands with each member. Then he turned to embrace his wife.

Mrs. Herdzina burst into tears and became so violently hysterical that it was necessary to remove her to Judge Leslie's office.

Final argument on the case was heard in the afternoon, which had been going on all week, were completed Saturday morning at 11:30. A large crowd listened to the pleas of County Attorney Abel V. Shottwell, his chief deputy, Raymond T. Coffey, and Harry B. Fleharty, the latter Herdzina's attorney.

Unmoved by Denunciations. Mrs. Herdzina sometimes wept. Herdzina seemed entirely unmoved by the state's denunciations or his own attorney's statements.

The father of Joe Howard, the 22-year-old boy killed by a bullet from Herdzina's revolver the night of April 9 at Thirty-third and L streets, listened to the arguments. With him were several of his daughters.

Judge Leslie instructed the jury that it was incumbent upon the state to prove that Herdzina was not acting in self-defense if it wanted to convict him of manslaughter.

The judge also instructed the jury that Herdzina was engaged in lawful discharge of his duty if he thought the automobile in which the noisy youths were that night was a liquor carrying car and that it was his duty to investigate it and arrest the occupants if he found they had liquor.

Probable Reinstatement. Herdzina probably will be reinstated by Commissioner of Police Dunn Monday. He has been under suspension pending the outcome of the trial. Dunn, while a police magistrate, ordered Herdzina held to the district court.

Politically, Herdzina was known as a "ringer man." For this reason some central police station attaches believe the detective may be reduced to ranks.

It was April 2, shortly before midnight, that Herdzina, while walking home, saw an automobile filled with boisterous youths. Joseph Howard, who was killed, was one of the youths. Shouts from occupants of the car convinced him, he said, that the young men were drunk and that a fight was in progress.

Slugged With Bottles. He ran to the car, he said, and told the boys he was an officer. An instant later, according to Herdzina's story, the boys pulled him over the side of the car and then slugged him with beer bottles. He pulled his revolver and fired seven times. Herdzina stated that he suffered bruises as the result of the attack.

On May 1 a suit for \$150,000 damages was filed in district court by Clifton Hannon, one of the wounded members of the joy riding party, against former Commissioner of Police Ringer, former Chief of Police Eberstein, Detective Herdzina, Officer Charles Morton and Police Captains Allen and Briggs. The suit was for alleged damages suffered by Hannon as the result of the shooting.

Hannon charged the police officials individually and collectively permitted him to be confined in a "four, ill-ventilated, vermin-infested, underground dungeon for more than 24 hours without medical attention although he was seriously wounded." He is now in Ford hospital where last week he underwent a second operation.

In the car with Howard were Francis Welsh, John E. Welsh, Frank L. Norgard, Paul Kane and Clifton Hannon. Welsh, Kane and Hannon were wounded.

Tulsa Refugees Will Talk Here on Race Riot. Several refugees from Tulsa, Okl., now in Omaha, will discuss the race riot at Tulsa at a meeting in the Pleasant Green Baptist church, Twenty-first and Paul streets, under the auspices of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The meeting will start at 4 this afternoon. H. W. Black will preside. Dr. L. R. Lemna, chairman of the press committee of the association, was unable to give the names of the speakers.

75 Ak Knights To Raid Omaha Monday for Men

Will Parade Streets and Enter Every Store and Office Along Line of March for Members.

Monday will be Ak-Sar-Ben membership day.

That will be the time for all good men to come to the aid of the organization.

Seventy-five knights, clad in colors of the order, will start at 9 in the morning from Ninth and Howard streets, up through the wholesale district, and then west on Farnam street to Twenty-fourth street.

They will be headed by a big wagon drawn by two large horses. On this wagon will be a staff of clerks and cashiers.

The 75 workers will enter every store and office along the line of march and every man who is not a member of Ak-Sar-Ben will be expected to become a member and pay \$10 for the privilege. The wagon will furnish music.

Samson expects to garner 1,000 additional members from the drive. He has 3,350 now.

Many Seriously Injured in Evening Riot in Belfast. Belfast, June 11.—One person was shot and perhaps fatally wounded and several citizens were so roughly handled that they had to be taken to hospitals during a melee on Cupar street last night. A police lorry was passing the scene of the serious affray when it was fired upon. The police returned the fire and a general melee followed.

While the fight was in progress crowds of unionists gathered along Shankhill street and cheered excitedly. Many Sinn Feiners living in the Falls district there changed their quarters during the night.

Receiver Is Appointed For Tulsa Refining Firm. Boston, June 11.—Federal Judge Anderson yesterday ordered the appointment of Daniel A. Shea, former assistant United States attorney, as receiver for the Bay State Refining company of this city and Tulsa, Okl.

The action was taken on petition of the Riter-Conly company of Pittsburgh, which placed the company's assets at \$650,000 and liabilities, exclusive of deferred dividends on preferred stock, at \$476,000.

Atrocious Crime Revealed With Finding of Girl's Body. Moorestown, N. J., June 11.—An atrocious crime was revealed here today when the authorities announced the finding of the badly mutilated body of 7-year-old Matilda Russo, who had been missing since last Saturday. The police are seeking for Louis Lively, a negro, 35, in the cellar of whose home the body was found buried.

Proposal to Bar Tobacco Users at Conference Fails. Pittsburgh, Pa., June 11.—A resolution to bar delegates who use tobacco from the 92d annual synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church of North America in convention here, was defeated yesterday by a large vote.

The Rev. Dr. R. C. Wylie of Pittsburgh in opposing the resolution declared that the using of tobacco "ought to attend the synod to learn better."

Help Your Friends Help Themselves. If, in the early part of the campaign, you gave your friend a six month's or a year's subscription, you can help him materially by making a further payment before June 18. It will mean several thousand more votes for him if done before that date.

Have You a Friend? in the H. Y. S. Club. Now is the time for you to help that friend who is a member of The Omaha Bee Help Yourself Club.

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The Weather. Forecast. Fair Sunday; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 70 10 a. m. 80 1 p. m. 80 2 p. m. 80 3 p. m. 80 4 p. m. 80 5 p. m. 80 6 p. m. 80 7 p. m. 80 8 p. m. 80 9 p. m. 80 10 p. m. 80 11 p. m. 80 12 noon 80