

HARDING GETTING CABINET LINED UP

Final Decision Expected in Next Few Days.

MORE CONFERENCES SLATED

Hughes, Dawes and Davis to Go to St. Augustine.

EACH LIKELY TO GET JOB

President-Elect Disposes of Another Long List of Miscellaneous Appointments.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 11.—President-elect Harding today disposed of another long list of miscellaneous appointments.

They are Charles Evans Hughes of New York, Charles G. Dawes of Illinois and J. G. Davis of Pennsylvania, considered for the portfolios of state, treasury and labor, respectively.

Mr. Hughes is generally conceded to be the president-elect's choice for secretary of state, and the fact that he is coming to Florida was accepted today as one more indication that he will get the appointment.

Diplomacy Stated for Parley. It is expected that at the conference the two will discuss the whole question of preliminary diplomatic steps toward formation of an association of nations.

The prospective visit of Mr. Dawes who recently got into the limelight by a spectacular denunciation of the republican congressional committee's investigation of the conduct of the war, is more of an enigma. It was understood in December that he was foremost in Mr. Harding's mind for the treasury position, but in recent weeks the friends of other aspirants have become active.

No announcement has been made of a formal appointment for Mr. Dawes, but he is expected in St. Augustine.

Flattering Reports Received. It is understood that Mr. Harding has heard flattering reports of his capability, but desired a closer personal acquaintance before reaching a decision.

Today the president-elect again conferred with Senator Wadsworth and Charles D. Hilles of New York and John Barrett, ex-head of the pan-American union.

After his talk with the president-elect, Mr. Barrett issued a statement predicting that the attitude of the coming administration would be one of friendliness for pan-America and that men of highest qualifications would be chosen to the pan-American ambassadorships. He invited Mr. Harding to attend the unveiling of a statue of Bolivar in New York next April.

Mrs. Harding, who has passed the last three weeks shopping and attending to other personal errands in Washington and New York, joined the president-elect here tonight to await until he leaves for Marion, February 25.

Dr. C. E. Sawyer of Marion, President-elect Harding's physician, also arrived here tonight and will remain with the Harding party during the remainder of the visit to Florida.

Although there has been no definite announcement, it is considered likely that he will be made the White House physician during the coming administration.

HAIR PUFF IS RENOUNCED

Wheaton College Girls Appear in Old-Style Headress.

NORTON, Mass., Feb. 11.—Puffing the hair at the ears will disappear at Wheaton college if the campaign just begun by the second-year girls succeeds. Hair nets, too—but this for the sake of economy.

At dawn the rest of the student body was awakened by the sound of beating drums and blaring wind instruments to find the sophomores parading, all wearing their hair "old style" and with their ears bared, many for the first time in months. Banners explained that the campaign was for reform in hair dressing and economy in the interest of the endowment fund.

Later the freshmen endorsed the latter purpose by hurling from the roof of the dormitory building an effigy of the slacker who does not do her part.

PRESIDENT FEELS BETTER

Executive Sufficiently Recovered to Crack Little Joke.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—The best "inside story" in Washington, D. C., today is one of President Wilson's witticisms.

PEOPLE FEAR DEAF WOMAN'S FORECAST

DUMB PREACHER PRODUCES PANIC IN KENTUCKY.

Holy Roller Evangelist Predicts Great Calamity to Come and Population is Leaving.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—A deaf and dumb woman a preacher has thrown superstitious people about Madisonville, Ky., into a state of panic. She is a "holy roller" evangelist and is holding a revival at Madisonville, which is a coal-mining town in the western part of the state.

She has predicted in sign language from her pulpit that a great calamity will befall the town in a short time, but has not specified the date. She cannot read or write and her sign language is interpreted by one of her co-workers. The prophet is Mrs. Jessie White and she has been a preacher for several years. Scores have been converted by her sign language pleas. She has gained a great hold upon her congregation and hundreds hear her at every meeting. Several people are reported to have left Madisonville and vicinity because of the woman's prediction of a calamity. Efforts are being made to secure from her some definite idea as to when the dire visitation will take place, but so far in vain.

The "holy rollers" recently predicted a calamity at Louisa, in the eastern part of the state, because of the alleged iniquity of the citizens, but it has not materialized. Hundreds of persons fled that vicinity at the time and most of them are still away.

U. S. SAILORS ATTACKED

Five Bluejackets Fired At and One Wounded in Vladivostok.

TOKIO, Feb. 11.—Five American bluejackets were fired at by unidentified persons in Vladivostok Tuesday night, one of them being wounded, says the Asahi Shimbun's Vladivostok correspondent today.

The Americans, reinforced by Russian policemen, arrested three Russian officers formerly under the late General Karpel, once commander of the western armies of the Omsk government, the correspondent adds.

The impression in Vladivostok, according to the correspondent, was that the attack was arranged by communists with the object of straining relations between Japan and the United States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—The attack on five American bluejackets at Vladivostok Tuesday night, as announced by the Asahi Shimbun of Tokio, had not been reported tonight to the navy department. In the absence of an official report, department officials refused comment.

"QUEEN OF HEAVEN" SUED

Alienation of Affections of "Jehovah" Sykes Is Charged.

DENVER, Feb. 11.—Marie Friede, appointed queen of heaven by Joshua (Jehovah) Sykes, head of the Tabernacle of David here, was notified today that Mrs. Emma Sykes, wife of Joshua, was bringing suit against her for \$50,000 for alleged alienation of the affections of Sykes.

Sykes has been sentenced to the federal penitentiary for alleged violation of the espionage act during the war. He formerly had a tabernacle in Oakland, Cal.

Mrs. Sykes' complaint states that she and Joshua Sykes were married in 1892, but that Mrs. Friede, who is a widow, has obtained "undue influence and control" and has completely alienated Sykes' affections from his wife.

Followers of Sykes say he plans to leave Mrs. Friede in charge of the tabernacle while he serves his term in the penitentiary.

MORE NAVY CLERKS OUT

Further Reduction Is Caused by Lack of Funds for Payrolls.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Lack of funds has caused a further reduction in the number of clerical employees at navy yards, it was learned today at the navy department.

Orders have gone out to discharge enough clerks to reduce the total salaries for the last six months of the year \$25,000, as compared with the first half.

The number of mechanical employees has been reduced from \$3,000 at the time of the armistice to less than \$6,000, it was said.

MELBA IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Grand Opera Prima Donna Stricken With Influenza at Monte Carlo.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Nellie Melba, the grand opera prima donna, is seriously ill with influenza at Monte Carlo, according to a special dispatch received here.

Madame Melba, who was born in Melbourne, Australia, has a world-wide reputation as a grand opera singer. She made her debut in 1837 in Brussels as Gilda in "Rigoletto."

TO CURB U. S. NAVY HELD BRITISH AIM

Borah Says Propaganda Has Been Intimated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—The statement that he had received suggestions that Great Britain was "circulating propaganda" in this country to deter American naval building was made in the senate today by Senator Borah, republican of Idaho, during a general debate on disarmament.

"We understand," he said, "that the facts were in possession of the navy department."

Senator Poindexter, republican of Washington, author of the senate committee's recent adverse report on Senator Borah's suggestion for a six months' naval holiday, in answer to a question whether the committee's investigation had disclosed any such situation, replied that there had been "some testimony" on the subject, but the committee did not believe it should be made public.

"If this information is in the hands of the navy department," Senator Borah said, "congress should have it. We are informed that in the archives of the navy department there is filed the propaganda conducted by Great Britain."

Agreement Is Advocated. "At the same time we are told that the British ambassador is on his way here to suggest a disarmament conference."

Senator Borah again urged that an agreement be reached between the naval powers for reduction of building programs and also advocated a careful investigation to determine whether capital ships are tactically obsolete.

"Unless there is an agreement between the United States and the powers competing in naval building," he said, "it will lead to war inevitably."

Opinions of American, British, German and other naval experts that capital ships have become obsolete were presented by Senator Borah. He read from a letter by an American rear-admiral, retired, who said:

"I would stake my life that in a few years a surface navy alone can go nowhere but to the bottom."

The name of the officer who wrote (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

LEGISLATION ASKED TO BAR GIRLS UNDER 16 FROM PLAYING PARI.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 11.—The Wisconsin legislature was asked this morning to pass a law forbidding girls under 16 years of age playing the part of Little Eva in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by members of the Methodist church of Palmyra, Wis.

The petitioners said that so young a person in the play had an unwholesome effect upon the audience and that the effect upon the youthful actress likewise was not for the best interest of the child.

UP AGAINST IT.

FORGED CHECK LEADS BRIDE-TO-BE TO JAIL

LONGING FOR FINE TROUSSEAU TOO MUCH FOR GIRL, 19.

Piance Persuades Go and to Allow Sweetheart to Go, and They Will Be Married Today.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—Desire to get pretty clothes for her trousseau today led to the arrest of pretty Miss Mabel Olds, 19, of Portland, on a charge of attempting to pass a worthless check in exchange for garments at a store here. She pleaded guilty and Judge Simpson continued the case for sentence.

Miss Olds left the court in company with Ernest Albright, also of Portland, to whom she is to be married in Portland tomorrow. Mr. Albright protested that his pretty sweetheart's mother of finery had in no way changed his affection for her.

"She can have lots of pretty things when we're married," he declared. Miss Olds went to the Stokes dry-goods store here and selected a variety of feminine gear, to the amount of \$49.55. She offered in payment a check for \$70 drawn on the Vancouver National bank.

The store cashier telephoned to the bank to see if the check was good. While he was talking Miss Olds left the store hurriedly. The bank detected the check and the police captured Miss Olds in a stage bound for Portland.

After her arrest the girl telephoned for her fiancé, who came here from Portland to help her. She told the court that the child's welfare commission had taken her from her home several years ago, following complaints that the mother was cruel to her. Since she left the care of the commission, she said, she had supported herself and had not lived at home.

REDS' DESIGNS DISCLOSED

State Department Said to Have Secret Meeting Report.

PARIS, Feb. 11.—The American state department, according to the Petit Parisien today, is believed to have obtained a stenographic copy of the proceedings of the international bolshevik propaganda committee which met secretly in the suburbs of Brussels at the end of December.

This committee is said to maintain headquarters near Bremen, from which efforts to foster uprisings in all countries have been directed and information centralized for directing a secret committee known only to the directors in charge of the work in each country. These directors are hurried visits to Bremen, it was said.

The Bremen headquarters, and not Moscow, is said to handle all foreign propaganda. It is reported that 600 agents are listed.

BONE-DRY LAW ATTACKED

Unconstitutionality by Error in Title Is Alleged.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—A new attack on the Reed bone-dry amendment, already declared unconstitutional by the supreme court, was filed Thursday by Max Wagman of Detroit in the form of a petition for a review of his conviction of violating that statute.

Wagman said the Reed act was "a rider, or insertion to the postoffice appropriation act" of 1918 and was unconstitutional, since the title of the carrying legislation did not state its "objects and purposes."

LITTLE EVA "DANGEROUS"

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UP AGAINST IT.

EGGS ARE 25 CENTS RETAIL AT SALEM

LOWEST POINT IN SEVEN YEARS IS REACHED.

Further Reduction in Prices of Crude Oil Are Announced Food Prices Fall.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 11.—The egg market in this city has reached its lowest point in seven years. Eggs today sold at 25 cents a dozen retail.

Eggs sold in Portland yesterday for from 35 to 40 cents retail.

PORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 11.—Eggs retailed for 25 cents a dozen here today, the lowest price since 1915.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 11.—The principal oil-purchasing agencies today have announced a further reduction in the price of crude oil. All grades were cut 50 cents a barrel.

The new prices announced today follow—Pennsylvania crude, \$4.25 a barrel; Cabell, \$2.95; Somerset, \$2.25; Somerset light, \$2.50; Ragland, \$1.25.

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 11.—Restaurants here today announced reductions from 25 to 40 per cent, in many cases bringing food prices, they announced, "almost back to pre-war levels."

The Gulf Pipe Line company announced a cut of 25 cents in the price of coastal crude today, bringing it to \$11.25.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Feb. 11.—Mayor Campin today issued a proclamation designating the week of February 12 to 20 as "optimists' week." He urged citizens to begin buying now "to take advantage of low prices" which, he alleged, had been restored.

COOLIDGE MAY GET LIFT

Senate Votes Increase of \$3000 Year for Vice-President.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—A salary increase of \$3000 a year—from \$12,000 to \$15,000—was voted for Vice-President Coolidge today by the senate.

The senate at the same time reduced his already small patronage roll by striking out a provision for a private telegraph operator at \$1500 a year.

UP AGAINST IT.

STATE TO POCKET ALL BRIDGE TOLLS

Governor Olcott Will Be Appointed Collector.

MISMANAGEMENT IS CHARGED

Gordon's Bill Takes Authority From Commissioners.

OREGON IS OUT \$152,000

Multnomah County Uses Money to Help Pay for Marquam Hill Hospital, Is Rumor.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—As Multnomah county commissioners refuse to turn over to the state of Oregon the tolls belonging to the state, from the interstate bridge, authority to collect the tolls will be taken from the county commissioners and vested in the governor.

This drastic action is now under way in the form of a bill which appeared in the house today.

In effect, it means that the Multnomah county commissioners have made a failure of handling the tolls and the governor is stepping in as receiver to protect the interests of the state.

Multnomah county commissioners, for reasons best known to themselves, have not turned in to the secretary of state approximately \$152,000 of bridge revenue. The presumption is that a large part of this money belonging to and not paid to the state has been diverted to help pay for the hospital being built on Marquam hill.

Many Demands Ignored. Repeated demands have been made on the county commission to hand over the money, without result.

In checking over sources of revenue the examining appropriation bills last night it was discovered by the ways and means committee, of which Herbert Gordon of Multnomah is chairman, that the bridge money is short. As the state needs every dollar due it to meet demands of institutions, the ways and means committee decided to sue the county, and as the Multnomah commissioners have not surrendered the state's money, the virtual receivership was agreed on.

Olcott to Name Agent. Governor Olcott, as chief executive, is directed to take over the collection of interstate bridge revenues with power to designate an agent. The governor will place this matter in the hands of the state highway department. Once the governor becomes the collector, he will retain the share of Multnomah county as well as of the state until all the unpaid balance has been placed in the state's coffers.

After the state is reimbursed for the sum which Multnomah county is now holding back the governor will see that the county resumes receipt of its allotted percentage, but not before.

With the interests of the taxpayers of the state to be protected from mismanagement, the legislature is expected to rush the bill through in short time. With an emergency clause attached, there need be no occasion to wait for the customary 90 days.

Veto of Bill Unlikely.

Because the state is in need of all revenues available there is little likelihood that the governor will veto the bill if it reaches his office. With the backing of the ways and means committee Mr. Gordon expects little opposition to the measure.

Getting statements or money from Multnomah county commissioners on interstate bridge matters has been slow business.

On November 7, 1918, a statement of the receipts and disbursements from the operation of the bridge was filed by Multnomah county with the secretary of state. This statement covered the calendar year ending December 31, 1917, and showed a total amount of net tolls aggregating \$70,288.82, of which amount 75 per cent, or \$52,701.62, was remitted by the county to the treasurer on January 3, 1920, after demands therefor had been made by the secretary of state in accordance with the law.

\$304,792 Estimated Due.

On January 2, 1920, a statement of tolls for the period between January 1, 1918 and May 28, 1919, was received by the secretary of state. This statement showed net tolls of \$222,401.31, of which sum the state's 75 per cent amounted to \$174,800.98. On January 2, of this year, the state treasurer received from Multnomah county \$100,000 on account, leaving a balance due in keeping with the statement rendered \$74,800.98.

The secretary of state estimates that the state is entitled to bridge tolls amounting to \$304,792.75, and of this sum there is still due \$152,000.

UP AGAINST IT.

EDISON AT 74 TOOLS PART OF BIRTHDAY

DINNER GUESTS WAIT TILL EXPERIMENTS ARE FINISHED.

When Doctor Brings in Oxygen Cylinder, Then He Will Retire, Says Inventor.

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 11.—Thomas A. Edison, 74 years old today, was assisted in celebration of the anniversary by the Edison Pioneers, an organization composed of the inventor's associates of 50 years ago.

The pioneers, with their wives and children, gathered early at Glimont, the Edison home in Llewellyn Park, and held a business meeting. Mrs. Edison entertained the women and children while Mr. Edison and his "pals" as he called them, talked of days gone by.

The dinner guests, however, had to await Mr. Edison's own hunger pangs, for he went to his laboratory as usual at 8 o'clock this morning. Whether he would return to watch the fascinating workings of his experiments this afternoon, he said, depended upon whether his wife would "let him."

During the morning he did take time to interview a group of newspaper men and answer a number of varied questions. To the question: "Should a man retire at 70?" he replied: "He would die in three years."

"When are you going to retire?" he was asked. "Well, I don't want to retire. When the doctor brings in the oxygen cylinder I'll know it's time for me to give up."

Asked for his opinion on Henry Ford's announced intention of producing milk synthetically, Mr. Edison said it was "entirely possible, and if such milk is made it will be much purer. There are going to be great advances in chemistry within the next few years."

DISMISSAL PROBE ASKED

Sentence of Marine Aviator Rouses Senator of Texas.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Investigation by the senate naval committee of the dismissal from the marine corps of Captain E. G. Chamberlain of San Antonio, Tex., under a court-martial sentence approved yesterday by President Wilson, was prompted by a resolution introduced today by Senator Shepard, democrat, Texas, and referred to the committee by the senate.

The committee would be authorized to investigate all naval court proceedings leading to Chamberlain's conviction of "falsehood" and "scandalous conduct" in connection with his claims as to exploits as a volunteer aviator with a British aerial bombing group in France.

WOMEN SMUGGLERS HELD

Figures' Contour Breatray Way of Taking Liquor Off Ships.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Six women smugglers whose figures' contour showed pronounced expansions after a visit to the Italian steamship Giuseppe Verdi today were arrested by customs inspectors and a search revealed 21 quarts of liquor sewn in their blouses.

The liquor was confiscated and each woman was fined \$5.

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