

HOUSE REPUBLICANS
ARE BIT PERPLEXEDLoyalty to Harding and Con-
stituents Problem.

ARMAMENT ISSUE LEADS

House Would Not Embarrass Presi-
dent, Yet Is Conscious of
Home Folks' Sentiment.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

(Copyright by the New York Evening Post,
Inc. Published by Arrangement.)WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9.—
(Special.)—The republican majority
in the lower house is torn between a
sincere affection for President Har-
ding and the wish to make his leader-
ship as unembarrassed and as effec-
tual as possible, and on the other
hand an equally earnest wish to re-
present what they know to be the
wishes of their constituents.

After Senator Borah in the senate
had introduced his resolution calling
for a conference for limitation of
armaments and after he had by mas-
terly management conducted it to a
point where he got a unanimous vote
from the senate in favor of it, mem-
bers of the lower house were embar-
rassed. They did not think it would
look well to their constituents to ob-
serve that whereas the senate had
taken action in favor of a conference
for limitation of armaments the house
had not.

The members of the lower house
were eager to put themselves on
record in favor of a movement which
they knew had strong moral and po-
litical support throughout the coun-
try. In this dilemma some of them
approached President Harding and he
is understood to have let them know
that he would not be embarrassed if
they cared to put through a similar
resolution.

House Rather Sensitive.

The same conflict between two de-
sires was apparent in the passage of
the naval appropriation bill. The
house passed a bill appropriating
about \$400,000,000. The senate in-
creased this appropriation to about
\$500,000,000. When it came up to the
house to decide whether it should
stick by its original sum, or com-
promise with the senate there was no
doubt that the overwhelming majority
of the house wanted to stick to the
smaller sum.

The house is more sensitive to pub-
lic sentiment than the senate, and its
sensitiveness increases day by day.
The house knows there is no political
emotion in the country more obvious
or more powerful than the wish for
action to limit armaments and the
wish to reduce the taxation which
will support our own armament.
The house knows that the senate
responds to this sentiment, but has a
conscientious wish not to do anything
which will embarrass the administra-
tion in the conduct of foreign rela-
tions. If this element of possible em-
barassment to a president whom it
likes and whom it wants to support
were absent the house would be little
more than a rubber stamp to the sen-
ate. The house would have no more
than a long way has as yet been proposed
in the direction of reducing appro-
priations for armaments.

Burton Pleads Economy.

Probably there is not an abler or
more representative man in the
house than Theodore Burton of Ohio.
Mr. Burton has served in the senate
as well as in the house and he spoke
from experience when he said, speak-
ing of the senate's increase of \$100,-
000,000 in the naval appropriation
bill:

"We have here a bill very carefully
considered in this house. It goes
to the senate and it is a very good
bill. The senate might, if it had
independent respectability, frame a
most excellent appropriation, but
the house, where there is earnestness
and sometimes acrimonious debate, speaks
more accurately, most correctly, for
the will of 100,000,000 people. The
duty rests upon this house to pro-
mote economy."

Words Carry Weight.

It would hardly be possible to over-
rate the weight of these words from
Mr. Burton. He is probably the most
thorough scholar in either the house
or the senate. He has been presi-
dent of one of the leading banks of
New York. He is recognized by
economists everywhere as a student
of the highest standing in this
field. He comes from Ohio, admin-
isters the Mount Hood hotel and only
the strongest conviction could lead
him to the position he took.

ROAD WORK IS AWARDED

Six Small Bridges Among Construc-
tion Commission Orders.SALEM, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—
Bids for the construction of 15 cul-
verts, six small bridges and one so-
called crossing, will be opened at a
special meeting of the state highway
commission to be held in Portland
June 28.

A summary of the proposed im-
provements follows:

Clackamas county—Seven culverts
on unit No. 1 of the Gresham forest
boundary section of the Mount Hood
loop. Three concrete viaduct struc-
tures and five culverts on unit No.
2 of the Gresham forest boundary
section of the Mount Hood loop.

Crook county—Two frame bridges
on gravity abutments on the Prince-
ville-Johnson section of the Ochoco
highway near Prineville.

Malheur county—One bridge over
the Malheur river on the Ontario-
Weiser section near Ontario. Three
small bridges on the Ontario slide
section.

Union county—One crossing of the
Grande Ronde river near Perry.

SIMPLE ASSAULT VERDICT

Sleep-Walker Explains How He
Frightened Woman.

The sleep-walking plea of W. T.
Pearce, indicted for an alleged crim-
inal attack on Mrs. Laura Breake,
brought a verdict of simple assault
from the jury in Judge Bagley's court
yesterday.

Mrs. Breake on the witness stand
said that at 10:30 A. M., April 12, the
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