

HARDING OPPOSES BONUS JUST NOW

Action on Tariff and Taxes First Is Wanted.

SENATORS AT CONFERENCES

President Favors Legislation for Veterans Later.

FORMAL MESSAGE DUE

Chief Executive Thinks Balance Sheet of National Finances Should Be Struck First.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 7.—President Harding paid an unexpected visit to the senate today and, it was understood, interposed the weight of his personal influence to defer action on the soldier bonus bill until a clearer understanding of the government's financial outlook has been possible by enactment of new tariff and tax laws.

In an hour's conference with senate leaders, the president was understood to have endorsed the view of Secretary Mellon that bonus legislation now might be a serious embarrassment to the treasury, and even to have suggested that all other legislative business be suspended to permit completion of the tariff and tax revisions as soon as possible. He was quoted as favoring a recess of congress while committees in charge hasten perfection of the two measures.

Special Message Expected.

It was indicated that Mr. Harding's views would be given at length in a special message to congress, which may be sent to the capital tomorrow. The document is expected to deal particularly with the bonus bill and to set forth that while the administration regards itself as committed to some legislation for relief of war veterans, it sees no reason for acting precipitately.

While the president was giving his opinion to senators, the senate was discussing the bonus bill with sponsors for the measure confident of its passage. By an overwhelming vote the bill had been brought to the senate as a special order of business and the senators in charge were inclined to predict that even the opposition of Secretary Mellon would not delay it.

Outlook Made Uncertain.

To night the outlook generally was admitted to be more gloomy. The disposition in most quarters was to await Mr. Harding's message. After the message has been received it is regarded as likely that an attempt will be made to amend the bonus bill back to committee and then secure another vote on the recess proposal which failed of adoption several days ago by four votes.

In their opposition to a recess the bonus advocates are expected to have the aid of other senate elements. Not the least potential of these groups, it generally is expected, will be the agricultural bloc.

Leaders Are Summoned.

Leaders of the elements most anxious to push particular measures to enactment were among the first to be summoned into conference by the president. Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, in charge of the bonus bill, and Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska; Kenyon, republican, Iowa, and Simmons, democrat, North Carolina, prominent in the agricultural group, were said to have been told frankly and emphatically by Mr. Harding that he considered completion of the tariff and tax programme the prime duty of the government.

Senate Recess Opposed.

Mr. Harding's conferences were held after he had broken precedent by taking luncheon with a party of senators in the senate restaurant. Most of those in whose company he was accompanied to take his meals during his senatorial days were at the table and the president made a manifest effort to make the visit informal.

Members of Agricultural Bloc.

Members of the agricultural bloc of the senate, who talked with the president, told the executive that they would oppose any recess or adjournment of the senate until legislation was passed for the relief of farmers. They were said to have insisted upon enactment of agricultural export financing legislation, passage by the house of the swift bill to increase the interest rate on bonds of joint stock-land banks from 5 to 5 1/2 per cent and enactment of proposals to give the secretary of agriculture or some representative of agricultural interests membership on the federal reserve board.

Disarmament Steps Reported.

In conversation with Senator Borah the president was understood to have said that he had already taken some steps toward a disarmament agreement, and desired to discuss with the

INFANT IS DESERTED ON DEPARTING TRAIN

BABY FROM BAKER, OR., FINDS HOME IN LA GRANDE.

Many Requests Made to Adopt Girl About 10 or 12 Days Old; Woman Places Child in Car.

LA GRANDE, Or., July 7.—(Special.)—A La Grande home today was gladdened by the presence of a pretty baby girl, 10 or 12 days old, who was abandoned last night on the west-bound train just as it pulled out of Baker.

According to the meager information, a man and woman drove to the Baker station in a taxi, the man carrying the basket into the station. Just before the train started the woman took the basket into the train, placing it in a seat near Pete Nelson of this city. The woman then hurriedly left the train.

Railroad officials telephoned ahead to the Red Cross here, after reading the note attached to the basket, which said that the infant was on its way to the Waverly Baby home in Portland. In the basket was food. The baby had been well cared for.

Upon its arrival here, the police took the baby to the Red Cross. So many requests were made to adopt the baby that the abandoned little girl was placed in a home this morning. Unless action is started in Baker, no effort will be made to find the parents.

DEATH NARROWLY MISSED

Woman Bent on Suicide 'Dropped' From Approaching Train.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. John Hurley, wife of a baker, was rescued last night in the act of hurling herself beneath an approaching eastbound O.-W. R. & N. passenger train.

The woman was missed from her home early in the evening. Depressed because of poor health, she first visited a Columbia river slough, apparently intending to drown herself. Searching citizens and officers trailed her through bogs and swamp land the early part of the night. A muddy trail across the O.-W. R. & N. bridge over Hood river was discovered and the searchers had barely gained the opposite side when the passenger train approached and Mrs. Hurley was discovered rushing to the track.

Mrs. Hurley collapsed as she was drawn toward the train. She was rescued by a man who was in the vicinity, and for a time was in a serious condition. She rallied today.

LOOKOUT GETS AIR MAIL

Plane Carries Bundle to Station on Frairie Mountain.

EUGENE, Or., July 7.—(Special.)—The first aerial mail to be delivered to a forest lookout in Oregon was dropped yesterday by a plane from the Eugene base of the forest fire patrol to J. L. Sanborn, lookout on Frairie mountain in the coast range, 25 miles west of Eugene, in the Siuslaw national forest.

The plane was in command of Pilot Frank of the 81st aer squadron. "Jake" Jacobson, observer, dropped the mail. Sanborn has a lookout tower on top of the mountain which is plainly visible. Jacobson said the plane cut down as close as possible and the bundle of letters, papers and magazines struck within 50 feet of the structure.

FIRE DAMAGES BUILDING

One Tenant of Apartment House Found Dead in Bed.

Fire of unknown origin, breaking out about 11 o'clock last night, partly damaged the fourth floor of the Home Comfort apartment house, 18 Sherman street, causing damage, by water and fire, of about \$600.

When James F. Timmins, manager of the apartments, was awakening his tenants he discovered the dead body of William Minter, about 45 years old, on the bed in apartment 307. Dr. Ross of the city emergency hospital, after an examination, said that Minter probably had been dead for six or eight hours. The body was not burned or otherwise marked.

RELICS WORTH MILLIONS

Personal Property Left by Mrs. Pullman Is Appraised.

CHICAGO, July 7.—Personal property left by Mrs. Hattie Sanger Pullman, widow of George M. Pullman, has been appraised at \$3,474,353, according to the report of a committee of appraisers filed today.

A pearl necklace, including 49 gems, was valued at \$100,000.

The old Pullman private car, the Monitor, long out of service, but still retained in the Pullman shops, is valued at \$415.

1700 FAMILIES IN WANT

Colorado Governor Asks for Aid for Flood Sufferers.

DENVER, July 7.—One thousand seven hundred families, or 7000 persons, are in absolute want as a result of the flood at Pueblo, Governor Skoup of Colorado announced today in a proclamation.

The governor urged the public to render more assistance to the stricken city.

20 CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE

Home at Des Moines Destroyed by Early Morning Blaze.

DES MOINES, Ia., July 7.—The children's home burned here early this morning with 20 children reported burned to death.

MY WIFE DID THIS, SAYS KABER, DYING

Policeman and Doctor Recall Accusations.

MURDER THREATS RELATED

Medium Avers Spirit Aid Was Asked in Slaying.

LOVE GIVEN TO ANOTHER

Grandmother of Child Adopted by Kabers Also Testifies Death Desire Was Expressed.

CLEVELAND, July 7.—Testimony leading to show that Daniel F. Kaber, for whose murder his widow, Eva Catherine Kaber, today was placed on trial, suspected her of having planned his assassination was introduced today by the state through two witnesses.

"My wife ordered this done! My wife ordered this done! My God, my wife ordered this done!"

These exclamations were uttered by Mrs. Kaber to Police Lieutenant Miller of Lakewood soon after Mr. Kaber had been stabbed, according to the lieutenant's testimony.

Murder Desire Reported.

"My God, doctor, my wife must have done this!" Dr. W. J. Quigley, who was called to attend the wounded man, said Kaber exclaimed.

In addition, testimony was offered by two women witnesses that Mrs. Kaber had told them she wanted her husband murdered. Mrs. Mary J. Wade, an alleged medium, testified that Mrs. Kaber had said to her:

"I want you to try to get rid of Dan Kaber for me."

Asked by Mrs. Wade how she was to go about it, Mrs. Kaber was alleged to have replied:

"Life Insurance Mentioned."

"I want you to kill him—any way to get rid of him. The man I love has no money, only brains, and Mr. Kaber has \$50,000 life insurance."

Mrs. Bertha Mischke, grandmother of the little Patricia whom the Kabers had adopted, testified that Mrs. Kaber said to her:

"I hate Dan Kaber and am going to get rid of him within six months," Dr. Quigley and Dr. Alfred Maerchke said they had treated Mr. Kaber and made examinations of him several months before his death. They asserted he was suffering from neuritis and secondary anemia.

Based on a hypothetical question asserting that an analysis of Mr. Kaber's internal organs disclosed the presence of arsenic in quantity "sufficient to kill four men," both physicians said they would diagnose the case as arsenic poisoning.

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DR. FENTON'S BODY IS FOUND IN RIVER

POOR HEALTH BLAMED FOR PHYSICIAN'S SUICIDE.

Positive Identification Is Made by Means of Driver's License and Papers in Pocket.

The body of Dr. J. D. Fenton, widely-known Portland physician who disappeared March 19, last, was taken from the Willamette river, opposite the Albina docks, yesterday by the harbor patrol. The body was first seen floating near the surface of the water by members of the crew of the river boat Diamond O. The harbor patrol went at once to the scene and towed the body to shore, where it was taken in charge by the coroner.

Dr. Fenton had been in poor health for nearly a year prior to his sudden disappearance and members of the family believed he ended his life during a period of extreme mental depression.

Dr. Fenton had given up active practice of his profession about a year ago on advice of physicians and had remained for some time in a sanitarium.

Positive identification of the body was made by relatives after it had been removed to the morgue. The pockets of his trousers contained his automobile driver's license, many of his prescription blanks and other private papers which left no doubt as to the identity.

Dr. Fenton is survived by a son, James Fenton, and a daughter, Lucille Fenton both of this city.

It was a coincidence that only last Wednesday the family filed a petition in the probate court asking that an administrator of Dr. Fenton's estate be appointed. After carrying on a search during the several months since he disappeared, relatives had finally given up hope of finding him alive.

RUBBER DIVIDEND PASSED

Company Declared Strong and Outlook Held Encouraging.

NEW YORK, July 7.—The United States Rubber company today passed its quarterly dividend of \$2 a share on common stock. The regular quarterly dividend on preferred stock was declared.

A statement by the directors declared that, while the financial position of the company was strong, they deemed it conservative to defer action on the common dividend. Sales were satisfactory the first half of the year, under existing business conditions, the statement said, and the outlook was characterized as encouraging.

PRESIDENT NOW RED MAN

Executive Becomes Member of Fraternal Organization.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 7.—President Harding was inducted today into the Improved Order of Red Men, national officers of the order administering all three degrees at a special ceremony in the president's office.

The team conferring the degrees consisted of most of the national officers of the Red Men.

PRESIDENT FAVORS PORTLAND 1925 FAIR

SENATOR McNARY SENDS TELEGRAM TO MR. MEIER.

Mr. Harding Promises to Sign Resolution as Soon as Senate Acts Favorably.

News favorable to the 1925 exposition was sent Portlandward yesterday over the telegraph wires when Julius L. Meier, president, received a message from Senator McNary that would indicate the project would have the endorsement of President Harding himself.

President Meier had been in telegraphic communication with Senator McNary seeking the official backing of the government, and this appeared almost in sight.

Moreover, Senator McNary advised that President Harding hopes to visit the 1925 exposition in person and he has agreed to affix his signature to Senator McNary's resolution asking government recognition for the fair, when that document reaches his desk. It also appears from the telegram that Philadelphia is out of the running with a fair in 1925 and that this possible obstacle will no longer interfere in any way.

The telegram in full follows:

"President Harding assured me today that Mr. Wanamaker made no objection to Portland fair, but wanted to know the president's state of mind regarding the proposition of the Philadelphia fair in 1926. He stated he was favorably inclined to the Portland fair and all community fairs where the government is not called upon to bear the burden of expense. He hopes to visit Portland fair and promised to sign my resolution when it reaches his desk. Upon inquiry can locate no objection to resolution in the house; believe house foreign relations committee will make early report. This promise I have."

"CHARLES L. McNARY."

Mayor Baker sent a telegram of appreciation yesterday to Senator McNary for his efforts in behalf of the 1925 exposition.

HARDING VISITS SENATORS

President Smashes Washington 'Rules' With Call on Old Friends.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—President Harding broke a presidential precedent today by motoring to the capitol and talking lunch with some of his old associates in the senate.

The president left the White House at 1 P. M. without announcing his destination, and dropped in unexpectedly on the senators in the midst of their luncheon hour. To all appearances Mr. Harding's trip to the other end of "The Avenue" was purely social in character, although it was taken for granted pressing questions of legislation would come up for discussion during the visit.

SUGAR GOES UP 20 CENTS

San Francisco Refinery Fixes Wholesale Price as \$5.80.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.—Refined cane sugar jumped 20 cents a hundred pounds today.

A leading refinery announced \$5.80 as its price to wholesalers.

RAIL LOADINGS DECREASE

Decline in All Commodities Except Ore Shown in Week.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 7.—Railroads of the country loaded with revenue freight 775,601 cars during the week ended June 25, or 5689 less than for the week previous, according to a statement today by the American Railway association.

The reduction included decreases in all commodities except ore, which showed a slight increase. The number of cars loaded with grain was 25,321, or 217 less than the preceding week, while merchandise and miscellaneous freight loadings were 468,197, or 1416 cars under the previous week.

RAIL STOCKS STRENGTHENED

Shares Show Gains of One to Two Points on Stock Exchange.

NEW YORK, July 7.—Railroad shares became active and strong on the stock exchange today on receipt of word from Washington that railroads would receive \$500,000,000 additional under the treasury department's refunding plan.

Atchison, Northern Pacific, Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Chicago & Northwestern, Reading and New York Central showed gains of 1 to 2 points. Many junior rails also strengthened.

BOY, 11, SAVES GIRL, 11

Lad, in Swimming, Takes Unconscious Fellow Bather From Water.

EUGENE, Or., July 7.—(Special.)—Kenneth Barker, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barker of this city, this afternoon rescued 11-year-old Lucille Bennett, daughter of John Bennett, from drowning.

A number of children were in bathing in the mill race at the foot of Seventh avenue East. The girl was swept under a large log which appeared to be floating. The Barker boy swam out and as she emerged he swam with her to shallow water. She was unconscious and it was with difficulty that she was resuscitated.

TAFT TAKES OATH MONDAY

Former President Ready to Become Nation's Chief Justice.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 7.—Ex-President Taft is to be sworn in Monday as chief justice of the United States.

The ceremony, it was said today, will take place in the office of Attorney-General Daugherty.

RAILROADS TO GET HALF-BILLION LIFT

Government to Advance Funds in Six Months.

CONTROL CLAIMS INVOLVED

TREASURY MAY ASK CONGRESS FOR MORE APPROPRIATIONS.

ROADS TO GIVE SECURITY

Mellon Declares Payment Step Toward Stimulating Resumption of Business Activity.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 7.—Negotiations between government officials and railroad executives involving refunding arrangements by which carriers would receive approximately \$500,000,000 in additional treasury advances within six months are expected to be completed within two days, Secretary Mellon announced today.

The advances would be equivalent to the treasury out of present authorizations for supplies and embark upon repairs which have been deferred.

Both Mr. Mellon and Secretary Hoover said the plan contemplated would be of great business value to the country in easing credits and furnishing employment. Mr. Hoover estimated that 200,000 additional men could be employed by the roads if funds were available.

Treasury May Profit.

Mr. Mellon pointed out that the transaction, if completed, will not involve the government in any way, since the treasury, since the roads will pay 6 per cent on the money advanced and treasury borrowings have been obtained generally at lower rates.

Railroad securities now held by the treasury, he said, amounted to approximately \$400,000,000 and interests and capital payments had been regularly met on all of them, giving the government an income of about \$18,000,000 a year.

MERCURY UP TO 89 AND MAY GO HIGHER

PORTLAND GETS TOUCH OF REAL SUMMER WEATHER.

Portland got a touch of real summer yesterday and, according to Weatherman Walls, there is little reason in sight so far, with a probability of the thermometer reaching a higher point today. The maximum of yesterday's heat wave was 89 degrees and was reached at 4 o'clock, with the mercury ranging between 85 and 89 degrees from 2 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Shortly after 5 o'clock, a brisk breeze from the north dropped the indicator to 75 degrees and a cool evening was welcomed by the city.

In spite of the heat, the thermometer failed to reach the height attained a year ago, when the maximum was 97 degrees, the previous year. Last year this year was made heat record on July 6, when the mercury registered 82 degrees.

Hourly temperatures at the Weather bureau office were as follows:

8 A. M.	80
9 A. M.	82
10 A. M.	84
11 A. M.	86
12 M.	88
1 P. M.	89

The Willamette river has been predicted to fall one foot between now and Sunday. The forecast for today's height was 15.9, Saturday 15.4 feet and Sunday 14.9 feet.

CHICAGO, July 7.—Cooling rain, accompanied by much lightning, wiped Chicago's longest heat wave today, sending thermometers down 24 degrees. The fastest mercury drop was 15 degrees in 10 minutes, and tonight 71 was registered against the day's maximum of 95.

Eleven deaths and scores of prostrations were attributed to the heat in the last 24 hours. Yesterday and today street thermometers registered more than 100 degrees.

EUGENE, Or., July 7.—(Special.)—The maximum temperature in Eugene today was 89 degrees. Later in the afternoon a stiff breeze came up and cooled the city.

JILT MUST PAY \$17,000

Woman Who Waited 22 Years for Marriage Wins Suit.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 7.—Miss Jennie E. Jilt, 40 years old, of Humboldt, Neb., today was awarded \$17,000 damages in her suit for breach of promise against Louis Henry Howe, 45, also of Humboldt, by the state supreme court.

Miss Jilt's father declared she had waited 22 years for Howe on his promise to marry her. She previously had been awarded \$22,000 by District Judge Troup of Douglas county.

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INVESTIGATION SPEEDS UP

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF SHIPS IS PROBED.

OFFICIAL REPORT IS MADE

Swift Boat Declared to Have Approached One Vessel and Then to Have Sped Away.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 7.—(Special.)—Theories that piratical marauders are at work in the traffic lanes off the Atlantic coast reached a new high level today.

Government wireless stations were sending broadcast to vessels at sea a warning to be on the lookout for a "low, rakish, suspicious-looking craft."

Coinciding with the sending out of this warning, governmental agencies worked with renewed vigor on their investigation into the mysterious disappearance within the last few months of more than a score of merchant vessels along the coast.

Official Report Is Made.

According to the official report of Captain Giles, which reached Washington tonight, his vessel was about 200 miles due east of Philadelphia. "When a low, rakish, suspicious-looking craft approached very swiftly, approached the Munabro with only its running lights showing.

The vessel, according to Captain Giles, refused to answer any signals and, after almost completely circling the Munabro, sped away into the darkness. The location of the Munabro at the time the strange craft was sighted, was given as 39 degrees 55 minutes north and 76 degrees 35 minutes west. On leaving the Munabro the "phantom ship" steered a course almost due east.

Investigation Speeded Up.

E. T. Chamberlain, commissioner of navigation for the department of commerce, tonight declared that the report of Captain Giles was the most substantial evidence yet offered of the suspected operations of sea marauders off the Atlantic coast and has given fresh impetus into the investigation of the disappearance of the crew of the steamer Calumet, which is an route to New York from Buenos Aires with 70 passengers.

Inquiry at the shipping board, however, developed the fact that the "Callao" is not due to arrive in New York until next Saturday night or Sunday morning and that no mitigating is felt over the inability to get in touch with her by wireless.

Certain officials of the department of commerce were deeply serious today in their belief that the "one guess is as good as another" phrase theory advanced by Secretary Hoover to explain the disappearance of the many vessels along the coast within the last few months is the correct one.

Every Clew Is Run Down.

It became known the department, despite the ridicule of other governmental agencies, has never let up in the investigation that other than natural hazards were responsible and that every clew was being run down.

Lawrence Ritchey, one of the assistants to Mr. Hoover, declared that he had uncovered new evidence that supported the announcement that the state department that the "Carol Deering" was looted and that within the next two weeks he hopes to be able to make public information that will absolutely prove the contention that the vessels did not go down