

EFFICIENCY HELD HARDING'S OBJECT

Curt Dismissals Believed Fully Justified.

RESULTS FIRST CONCERN

Belief Is That Chief Will Reorganize Government Regardless of Obstacles Interposed.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—(Special.)—It is fair to wonder whether the country far from Washington is as excited about the chief service as Washington itself is. Washington keeps up the talk for two reasons. One is that the name of some thousands of civil servants, and with them the topic is closely related to bread and butter. The second reason is that the democrats think they see a campaign issue in it. At least some of the democrats see it this way. From other democratic quarters, quarters somewhat more elevated, there has lately come an admission that the democrats must find a big issue and drop the practice of picking up one small issue after another.

Undoubtedly the dismissal of a large group of rather important and relatively highly paid civil servants by President Harding personally was done in a manner nothing less than brusque and peremptory. Whether anything will come out later to justify these methods remains to be seen. Most competent judges believe the present investigation of the department from which these civil servants were removed will show adequate reason for the action taken by the president.

Mr. Harding is about the last man to act in so brusque a manner without good cause. Everybody with a lens to Mr. Harding's eyes observes that such words as "becoming," "proper" and "fitting" and the proprietaries of his vocabulary with emphatic frequency. They reflect Mr. Harding's point of view about his relations with the human beings. He is not a man to "blow up" without cause.

There are stories about Washington to the effect that on a few occasions since he has been president Mr. Harding has shown strong feeling in finally putting over a programme determined upon. But he has only done so after a degree of patience so pronounced as frequently clear to everybody that the methods of patience and gentleness would not carry the programme through.

Nineteen times out of 20 seems to be a fixed principle with Mr. Harding to go to the limit of patience. Some of his former associates say that when he was editing the Marlon Star and was moved to write something in strong feeling was frequently his way to edit the manuscript in his desk over night, and then not print it. On at least one occasion since he has been president he has followed an analogous course about a letter which he was moved to write in a moment of feeling.

Course Believed Justified. All in all it is incredible that President Harding should have dismissed these civil servants in just the way he did without having had enough contact with the situation to be deeply moved by it and without feeling sure that the subsequent investigation would justify him. That these particular removals were made for the purpose of giving jobs to republicans cannot be gained successfully. If the motive were to "slip something over" on the civil service it would have been done with the deliberateness of a glib.

There is a strong feeling on the part of many business men who have recently come into the government to the effect that many of the higher officials of bureaus should not be within the civil service, but should be within the personal appointment of the men at the head of the departments. Bureau chiefs and the like are the "key-men" of the organization, and a new man at the head of a department, wishing to do a job of reorganization, cannot be expected to do it well and speedily unless he can appoint his own "key-men." Every business man and every one who has had any contact with problems of organization realizes this.

High Economy. There is no determination more evident on the part of some of the cabinet members and on the part of some other high officials who have been brought to Washington by Mr. Harding than to do a good job of putting the government on a sound business basis as regards economy. It is easy to conceive that some of these men having been baffled by the disposition of some bureau chiefs to cling to old ways and to resist innovation, may be sorely irritated, but that they should want to make these jobs political is unbelievable.

The cabinet members in question would like to appoint their own men to these "key positions," but they most decidedly would not want to turn these positions over to congressional and senatorial seekers of patronage.

All that is said here applies to some of the cabinet members and to some of the heads of important departments. It does not apply to so much of the agitation in congress. There are more than a few representatives and senators who would like to raid the civil service and raid it thoroughly. As a rule they are not the biggest men.

Patronage Is Liable. The really big politicians in both parties are satisfied with the civil service. They think that patronage is on the whole a liability rather than an asset. They have an axe to the effect that for every office seeker there are ten applicants and that the appointment results in one grateful and nine disgruntled ones. But there are in congress and the senate quite a few new republicans who have not had experience enough to have picked up this bit of wisdom.

As to Mr. Harding personally, it is clear that his position is that he is bound to carry through his ambition to reorganize several departments of the government on a basis of greater efficiency and economy. It is fair to infer that he has been provoked by some of the obstacles. He will make the government efficient within the civil service if he can. If he cannot, he will modify the civil service so far as he deems it necessary and go as far as he is able to do it by executive order.

low, he could not have anticipated that it would happen in just that way, said the court.

Testimony Is Analyzed. In analyzing the testimony of Chisholm and Captain Field, who both testified that six passengers came up the slip from the boat, Judge Cushman declared that each had seen the other and thus confused the number of passengers.

Discussing the testimony of George Killwood and the other witnesses who testified that six passengers came up the slip from the boat, Judge Cushman said he was convinced that Killwood did see some one he took to be Stewart.

JURY CHALLENGED AGAIN

Protest Second in Second Trial of Burch for Murder.

LOS ANGELES, April 11.—For the second time during the second trial of Arthur C. Burch for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, broker here, August 5 last, the defense today challenged the jury panel. The challenge was denied by Judge Sidney N. Reeves of the superior court, who is presiding at Burch's trial.

In making the challenge Paul W. Schenck, chief counsel for the defense, directed it against a jury panel called by Judge Reeves from another department of the court. Judge Reeves had requested the panel to be transferred to his department when the challenge was filed by him because exhausted last today.

The challenge was upon the ground that the list of the jurors on the transferred panel were not put into the courtroom jury box with the names on the regular panel for that department.

RUSSIA KEPT IN CHECK

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George and Premier Fata, the president of the conference, and the Russian, French exchanges over land disarmament and other matters, and may be able to steer the conference ship into a peaceful haven, or one that will pass as peaceful in this stormy European sea.

The organization of a sub-committee, which was effected today, threatened to raise the question of disarmament, but was put through with great clamor from the lesser powers than they raised at earlier times when that conference was organized.

Most of the powers have shown a disposition to abandon war hatreds. The Russians and Germans were particularly so. The opening session as an evidence of forgiveness, although France resisted this courtesy.

The conference is expected to make it clear to everybody that the methods of patience and gentleness would not carry the programme through.

Smaller Powers Represented. It had been decided to give representation to the committee to the smaller powers and it was announced to the effect that many of the higher officials of bureaus should not be within the civil service, but should be within the personal appointment of the men at the head of the departments.

Surprise Is Expressed. Viscount Ishii, who declared he was greatly surprised by the Russian protest, added that Japan was occupying the island of Sakhalin, and that the allies against her own will.

As to Rumania, Premier Bratianu declared she had no special desire to negotiate with the Russians, but was in the conference with a spirit of moderation in an effort to better the situation in Europe. Rumania, said the premier, did not admit the justice of the Russian protest, as Bessarabia was inhabited by Rumanians who had voted their annexation to the mother country.

It is expected that the conference will take a vacation on Good Friday and Easter Sunday and Monday.

ALLIED DEBT BOARD READY TO FUNCTION

Body Is Formally Completed by Senate Confirmations.

GIGANTIC TASK IS AHEAD

Senator Smoot and Representative Burton Become Members of Re-funding Commission.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—The allied debt refunding commission created by congress and entrusted with conversion into long-time securities of the debts of the allied nations to the United States, was formally completed today through confirmation by the senate of the nominations of Senator Smoot of Utah and Representative Burton of Ohio, republicans, as members of the commission.

Confirmation followed more than five hours of discussion in executive session. The principal argument against confirmation was that it should be done in secrecy. Every thing else about it has been done in secrecy.

Opposition Is Expected. The charge of secrecy in the preparation of the bill was raised promptly in the senate from the democratic side. Senator Harrison of Mississippi called attention that the bill was introduced today during an executive session of the senate and added:

"It was perfectly natural that it should be done in secrecy. Every thing else about it has been done in secrecy."

Opposition will not be confined to the democratic side. Senator Smoot of Utah, ranking republican on the finance committee, plans to speak for the floor in his fight for duties on sugar higher than the two cents a pound on full duty and 1.60 cents a pound on the 10 cents duty; Fordney, 18 cents in the emergency tariff and which the committee has recommended.

Tariff Rates Compared. Hereafter the rates provided in the new tariff bill and comparisons with the Fordney, Payne-Aldrich and Underwood laws on some western products.

Hide of cattle—Green, 2c pound; dried, 4c pound; Fordney-Payne-Aldrich and Underwood, 5c.

Wool and manufacture—Wool and half of the Alaska goat, cashmere goat, space and other like animals, 25c per pound on the clean contents; Fordney, 25c; Underwood, 30c.

Wool, unbleached and half of the camel, in the green, 12 cents per pound; washed, 18c; secured, 60c; Fordney, not in excess of 2c a pound; Underwood, free; imported on the 10 cents duty; Fordney, not in excess of 6 cents; Underwood, free.

Topstaple, 33 cents per pound; Fordney, 25c; Underwood, 30c; 25c pound; Fordney, 16 2/3 cents per pound and 10 per cent; Underwood, 8 per cent.

Fruit juices and syrups, not specially provided for, containing less than one-half one per cent alcohol, 70c per gallon on the alcoholic content; Fordney, same; Payne-Aldrich and Underwood, not in excess of 10c per gallon.

Log of fir, spruce, cedar and western hemlock, \$1 per thousand feet, board measure; Fordney same; Payne-Aldrich and Underwood, 2c; Beans, green, 4c; dried, 2c; Fordney, 4c; Underwood, 2c.

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exists at the present time and it is believed will continue to exist until the rates are established that will afford fair protection to American industries.

Before its presentation in the senate the bill was formally approved at the first meeting of the entire committee since the work of drafting the measure was started three months ago. Democratic members of the committee present plans to introduce and were given 10 days in which to prepare their minority report and also for the fight which they plan to launch against it immediately after it is called up.

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Details of Indebtedness. On the books of the treasury the debts of the foreign countries are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Country, Principal, Interest. Includes Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, etc.

FRAUD CHARGE IS MADE

FAVORITISM ALLEGED IN SALE OF U. S. PROPERTY.

"Criminally Low Prices" Declared to Have Been Concealed From Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—Charges that the war department has sold property at and today selling property at "ridiculously and criminally low prices to favored customers, concealing from congress and deliberately misrepresenting the facts," were made in the house today by Representative Johnson, republican, South Dakota.

"As proof of the fact that the war department is misrepresenting facts to congress," Mr. Johnson charged that a report by Secretary Weeks relative to sale of property transmitted to the house last December was "the most fraudulent, misleading and criminally deceitful document that was ever submitted to the American congress."

Mr. Johnson declared the evidence he had obtained showed that the war department "is trying to control the department of justice by putting men who ought to be in the penitentiary on the department of justice payroll and asking congress to appropriate for it."

BOGS TO BE RECLAIMED

Cranberry Growers Plan to Build Up Irrigation Industry.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—A movement designed to increase the cranberry industry in Pacific county from \$100,000 to a \$1,000,000 business has been launched by County Agricultural Agent Beck and local cranberry growers. Dr. F. D. Head, pathologist of the state experimental station, and M. D. Armstrong, horticultural specialist from the state college, will aid in the work.

If the experiment of the experts prove successful, there is every reason to expect that the rich bogs now growing in the state will be planted by cranberry men and planted to berries.

Bank Stock Changes Hands.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 11.—(Special.)—W. E. Carter has bought the stock held by the late Donald McMaster in the Vancouver National Bank, and at a meeting of the board of directors last night was elected a director to succeed Mr. McMaster. Officers of the Vancouver National Bank now are: A. Hannah, president; H. Warren and C. W. Ryan, vice-presidents; George F. Palmer, cashier; E. H. Reynolds, assistant cashier. The directors are: E. A. Hannah, C. W. Ryan, Frank M. Kettering, Patrick Hough, W. E. Carter and H. D. Warren.

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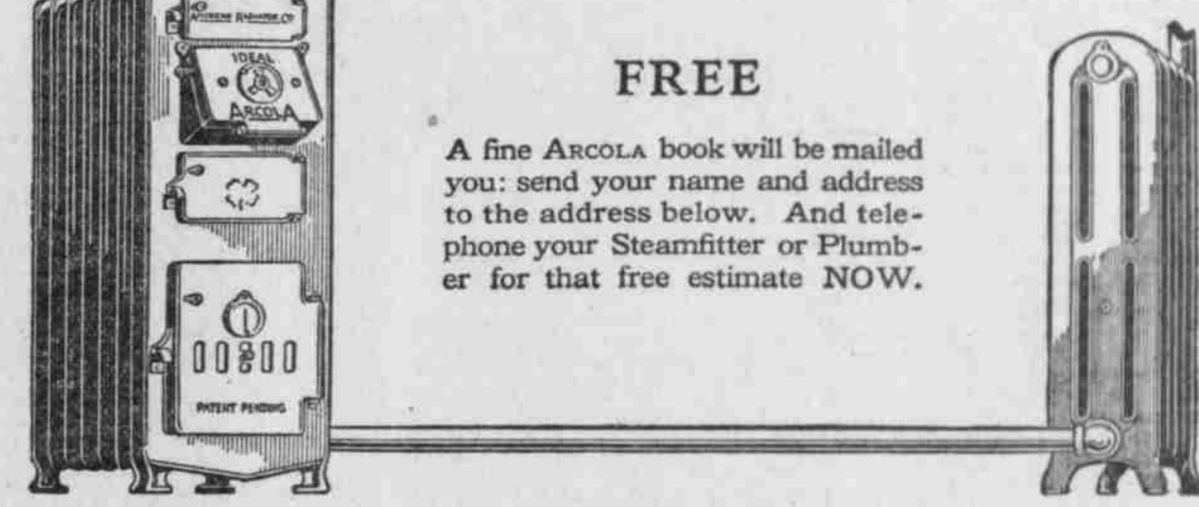
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BANKER'S WIDOW WINNER

(Continued From First Page.) The suicide theory is the most reasonable explanation. Whatever did happen at the land-