

HARDING ACHIEVES MUCH IN 6 MONTHS

Congress Hampers Chief, Declares Writer.

VITAL LEGISLATION HELD UP

President Is Disappointed and Disillusioned.

BIG THINGS ARE DONE

Manifold Duties and Responsibilities Often Quite Appall Man Who Is Innately Modest.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Warren G. Harding tomorrow completes his six months in the White House. It has been an eventful six months, not alone for the people of the United States, but for the president himself.

It has been a period, the president feels, of achievement, and likewise, perhaps, it has been a period of some disillusionment.

Speaking frankly, congress has been a disappointment to the president.

When he called the senate and house together in extra session last April he saw no reason why they should not enact the legislation expected of them and get away from Washington by July 15.

Main Tasks Still Undone.
But congress stands in recess today, nearly five months after the opening of the session, with the main tasks still before the senate and little chance that anything definite in the way of taxes or tariff legislation will be accomplished before the snow flies.

Going into the White House with an almost sacred regard for the three legislative branches of the government and determined that he would not "interfere" with the legislative branch in any way, President Harding has found it necessary several times to set congress on the right path, and has had almost continuous trouble in keeping it there.

One lasting impression left by Mr. Harding's six months in the presidency is the innate modesty of the man. The magistracy of the nation has been a series of surprises to him. At times he has been quite appalled at the manifold duties and responsibilities of the executive who unfolds themselves to him. Only this week, however, the president expressed what is in his heart and what he believes to be in the heart of most of the American people.

"I have come to feel a new confidence in myself," said the president, "because of the capable men I find everywhere about me, who can take upon their shoulders a part of the great load that comes to any executive."

Narrow Prejudices Avoided.
While to many minds the great achievements of the president's first half year in the White House will always be his calling of the disarmament conference to meet in this city in November, when it is possible that a new relationship may be established among the nations that control the destinies of the world, others will always hold Mr. Harding's initial success to have been his ability to bring to his own service and to that of the nation so many of the ablest men of the country.

In the selection of these men the president was affected by no narrow prejudices. This is shown by the fact that with the single exception of Senator Hiram Johnson of California the president sought the services of every man prominent in the race against him at Chicago last year for the republican nomination.

There is Charles Evans Hughes as

\$500,000 APARTMENT HOUSE TO BE BUILT

SIXTH AND MADISON SITE ALREADY OBTAINED.

Permit for Excavation to Cost \$10,000 Is Issued—Project First of Kind Since War.

Definite announcement that a \$500,000 apartment house will be erected immediately on property at the southwest corner of Sixth and Madison streets by Donald B. McBride and Richard F. Wassell was made yesterday in connection with the issuing by the city building department of a permit for the expenditure of \$10,000 in excavation.

The announcement was considered significant in Portland building circles inasmuch as it will be the first big downtown apartment house to be erected since the war.

The plans provide for an elaborate structure, nine stories in height and containing 75 apartments, ranging in size from four to ten rooms. The building will be of pressed brick and terra cotta finish and will have a beautiful roof garden.

Messrs. McBride and Wassell announced that a portion of the financing of the project will be taken care of by issues of \$375,000 of 7 per cent bonds, dated September 1, 1921, and maturing serially to September 1, 1923.

The issue has been underwritten by S. W. Strauss & Co. and will be handled by the Mortgage Bond company with offices at 205 Wilcox building.

The work on the new apartment house will be started immediately and rushed to completion, it was declared yesterday. It is expected that the building will be completed before next spring. The building will cover 100 by 100 feet. The entrance will be on Sixth street.

CHECK-SIGNER IN DEMAND

Dozen Nebraska Towns Seek Man Arrested in Portland.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Frank Elvourne, arrested in Portland, is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. He is wanted in a dozen towns in Nebraska for cashing alleged worthless checks. Among the towns in which Elvourne is said to have operated are West Point, Norfolk, Winslow, Wayne, Beaver, Oakland and Decatur.

Elvourne is said to have posed as a farmer in all these towns and the checks cashed were presumably received by him in payment for cream shipments.

The girl with whom he eloped when he left Nebraska is the daughter of a Dawson county, Nebraska, farmer.

WOMAN "SPIDER" ON JOB

Widow in Overalls Welds Cables 300 Feet in Air.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Sept. 3.—People who have been gazing curiously at the structural activities on a suspension bridge 300 feet above Rondout creek were amazed today to learn that a blonde worker in overalls who is welding cables is a woman. She is Mrs. Catherine Nelson of Jersey City, a widow with two children, and is earning \$30 a day.

When her husband died she tried working as a stewardess on an ocean liner but found the pay too small and so obtained a job in a machine shop. When the bridge contractors asked a company in Jersey City for its best welder she was sent to Kingston. She says she never is afraid or dizzy at a great height.

WEATHER PROSPECT GOOD

Sunshine Is Promised for Both Today and Tomorrow.

Portland people who plan to spend today and Labor day at the beaches or elsewhere will be gratified if the predictions of Observer Wells prove correct. Mr. Wells predicts better weather both today and tomorrow than that of the past two or three days.

The rains of the past few days were local and largely of thunder-storm nature. Clearer weather and a slight rise in temperature are expected.

WAX, LOVE PIRATE, PLAYS NEW TRICK

Oregon Swindler Fools New Yorkers Again.

POLICE ELUDED GRACEFUL

Man Who Figured in Osborne Case Jumps \$1000 Bail.

IDENTITY LEARNED LATER

Criminal Gets Into Linnelicht After Friend Reports Loss of \$500 to Handsome Visitor.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Sometimes when Charles H. Wax, alias Oliver Osborne, known in Oregon as "The Love Pirate," slips through the hands of the police the weather is cold and stormy. At other times the humidity is unbearable.

"Oliver," who gained such notoriety in the Rae Tanner-James W. Osborne case, and whose genial face lends distinction to every rogues' gallery in the United States, was a visitor here a couple of weeks ago. He bounded lightly from one high spot to another, annexed a little coin, enjoyed the hospitality of detectives at headquarters and then, with a wave of his hand and a hitting "razzberly yours" to the police, went away from here.

Through an oversight or a technicality or something "Oliver" neglected to furnish the detectives a forwarding address and the police feel hurt about it. It has completely spoiled their labor day for them. How were the police to know that "Charles Canby," arrested on a charge of stealing \$500 from a "lady friend," was the Charles H. Wax or the "Oliver Osborne" being sought by the Oregon authorities and a flock of Uncle Sam's sleuths?

Action Lacks Cleanness.
It wasn't a bit uncanny of "Oliver" to slip into town "incog" and then slip out again. Maybe "Oliver" was sore. It may be that he felt, with his picture in a place of honor in the "rogues" gallery, he should have been recognized and in a manner befitting a man of his record and reputation.

When "Oliver" was arrested as Canby he told the police he came from the far west, was undergoing a temporary financial strain and that all would be well.

It was true that he came from the far west. What "Oliver" neglected to mention to the police was that he had been released from prison in Salem, Or., to visit his sick mother in New York state and had failed to return.

At the lineup in headquarters none of the sleuths in the masks and rubber heels recognized "Oliver." So he was released on \$1000 bail, and after obtaining several adjournments in a magistrate's court, decided New York was too hot in summer and went away.

"Oliver" has always been a most careless person. He will leave a place and through a clerical error will forget all about settling up little scores and obligations. In this instance he dispensed altogether with the formality of squaring his \$1000 bail bond.

So after "Oliver" had gone the police called up the federal authorities and asked them if they knew anything about a man who called himself Canby.

"What do you know about him?" asked the federal authorities.

"Not much," respectfully admitted the local sleuths. "He told us he was a relative of old General Canby, who was ambushed and slain years ago by the Modoc Indians in a lava bed somewhere or other."

"Have you got him?" inquired the federal authorities, breathlessly.

"No," admitted the police, and then

CITIZENS WIN PAROLE FOR YOUNG ROBBERS

HALSEY BANK BANDITS PLEAD GUILTY TO CHARGE.

Judge, Sentences Three to Year in Penitentiary, but Allows Them to Go Free.

SEASIDE, Or., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—A. Schultz, Irvin Wright and R. W. Cooley of Corvallis pleaded guilty in state circuit court here this afternoon to a charge of attempting to rob the Halsey State bank. Judge Kelly sentenced each of them to serve one year in the state penitentiary and then paroled them. The parole was granted only after eight prominent residents of Benton county had testified to the previous good character of the boys and the fact that it was their first offense.

The three young men, all about 21 years of age, were involved in an attempted robbery of the Halsey State bank a few weeks ago during which Henry Schultz, brother of one of the defendants, was killed by Leo Walton, deputy sheriff at Halsey. The four had been seen near the bank trying to break into it and after they became frightened away a posse gathered and when the car came back for a second time and failed to stop on Walton's order he fired with a shot.

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LIBRARY SESSIONS CLOSE

Among Association Officers.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 3.—Judson T. Jennings of Seattle was elected president of the Pacific Northwest Library association and Olympia, Wash., was awarded the 1922 convention at the closing session of the association's annual convention here today.

Other officers elected were: Miss Anne Mulholland, Portland, first vice-president; Miss Pauline Madden, Port Benton, Mont., second vice-president; M. H. Douglass, Eugene, Or., secretary; Miss Elena S. Clancy, Tacoma, treasurer.

BOLT HITS SWEETHEARTS

Lightning Kills Engaged Couple Near Whitehouse Grounds.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—Frederick S. Houseman, 25, and Miss Leona Shepherd, 19, were killed by lightning yesterday when they sought refuge from a thunder-storm beneath a tree near the White House grounds.

Houseman, a veteran of the 15th division, was engaged to Miss Shepherd. The storm was accompanied by high winds which caused much damage to the trees along the streets of the capital.

DEPENDENT GIRL SUICIDE

19-Year-Old Miss Shoots Self in Head; Love Affairs Blamed.

POCAHELLO, Idaho, Sept. 3.—Miss Cleo Sorenson, 19, of Rexburg, Idaho, shot herself in the right temple in a local hotel at 3:50 o'clock this morning, dying at 7 o'clock. In company with Hilda Warren of Idaho Falls, Miss Sorenson arrived on an early train, registering under assumed names.

Dependency over love affairs, told in a note to her mother, is declared to have been the cause.

MOSLEMS HARASS GREEKS

Advance Toward Angola Delayed by Counter-Attacks.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Greek advance toward Angola has been delayed, owing to counter-attacks of the Turks, who have occupied mountain positions dominating the Ilija river.

Withdrawing slowly, the Turks are counter-attacking to cover the retreat of their main forces to the east of Angola.

BETTER RAIL SERVICE TO COAST PROMISED

RAINIER SPECIAL TO MAKE BEACH RUN DAILY.

Spokane, Portland & Seattle Road Says Low Fares May End at Any Time.

Announcement was made last night by W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway, of a new plan whereby better service will be furnished to Seaside and other resorts reached by this line. The company expects to add a train daily by running through to the coast one of its Rainier locals. It will also continue the Saturday-to-Sunday specials as long as travel justifies it.

People wishing to take advantage of the low fares to the beaches had best do so without undue delay, for there is no telling how long the present rates will continue; it just depends upon the volume of traffic, Mr. Skinner said.

"How long the crowds will continue we do not know, of course, and we are simply watching the situation, with a view to caring for whatever business there is. We plan to run one of our locals to Rainier through to Seaside daily when the daily specials are taken off, and we will keep on the train carrying Saturday crowds to return Sunday night as long as justified in so doing."

"As to the prevailing low fares, I cannot say how long they will last. Certain it is that they cannot last long should business drop off much. We must have a very large volume of business to continue these rates."

The river steamer Iralda, on the run between Portland and Astoria, will tie up after the Labor day trip, according to announcement yesterday of Laurence Holman, owner and operator on the run. Mr. Holman said the season had been a successful one and that he will prepare the steamer to re-enter the run next spring.

Whether or not the rate war in which the Iralda fare was reduced to 55 cents has any connection with taking the steamer off the run is a matter of conjecture.

Emmett Rathbun, general manager of the Harkins Transportation company, operators of the steamers Georgiana and Lindora on the Astoria run, declared last night that there will be no change in his company's service.

"We are an established company operating on an all-year basis," said Rathbun, "and we do not propose to withdraw our service when the cream of the season's traffic is over. Our rates will remain the same for the present, and I do not anticipate that they will ever return to the old high rate."

"We are keeping our steamers on the regular run and intend to throughout the winter."

PANAMA'S GRIEF PERSISTS

Mourning Loss of Coto Reaches Propaganda Stage.

PANAMA, Sept. 3.—Colonel J. J. Morrow, governor of the canal zone, has addressed a note to the Panama government charging that the projected closing of all business on Labor day, as an expression of public mourning for the loss of the Coto district, on the Costa Rican frontier, is "anti-American propaganda."

He declared this attitude on the part of the government might lead to disturbances.

FAIR WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures Near or Somewhat Below Normal Predicted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Rocky mountain and plateau regions and Pacific states—Generally fair, with temperature near or somewhat below normal.

LEAGUE KEEPS EYE ON U. S. ATTITUDE

Arms, Covenant Changes and Mandates Up.

ARTICLE 10 IS RETAINED

Canadian Proposal for Elimination Is Defeated.

COMMITTEE IS NAMED

Texts to Be Drafted to Remove Obligation of Members to Aid in Some Military Actions.

GENEVA, Sept. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—The extent to which the Washington conference in November occupies the attention of those participating in the work of the league of nations was demonstrated today during discussion of disarmament and amendments to the covenant, while hope of satisfying the United States on mandates was reflected in the council's consideration of the American reply to the principal powers on that question.

The note was not officially before the council, but the representatives of Great Britain, France, Japan and Italy have the text of the note, and after reviewing the main features all agreed progress had been made toward settlement.

Washington's Aid Asked.
The Washington conference was referred to by M. Noblemaire, French delegate, to the amendments commission, who held that revision of the pact should be discussed in Washington with the representatives of the United States before anything should be done to prejudice the question. The council, however, decided to proceed to consider amendments.

The council rejected the Canadian proposition to eliminate article 10, and adopted a suggestion by A. J. Balfour of England to appoint a committee to draft texts modifying the article to remove the obligation of members to participate in military action to guarantee the territory of other members.

Hurst, Peplin, Van Hamel Named.
Sir Cecil J. B. Hurst, England; M. Peplin, France, and Professor J. A. Van Hamel, Holland, were selected.

The discussion of disarmament also reflected the sentiment of several members not to participate in any action in advance of the Washington conference. H. A. L. Fisher, British member, led the opposition to the demand for immediate application of some measures of publicity such as were proposed at the assembly last year relating to the disclosure of their armaments by the various nations.

Conference Is Favored.
The disarmament commission decided to recommend to the assembly that an international congress on private manufacture and traffic in arms be held. It also decided to recommend that all nations be asked to furnish statistics of armaments.

Advocates of uninterrupted action by the league contended that work begun now might be useful at the Washington conference, and that, in any event, the object of the league and the purpose of the Washington conference being the same, parallel efforts could do no harm.

The commission left it for the assembly either to fix the date of the international conference on arms or leave it open to be decided by the council.

Objection Is Raised.
Objection was raised that the countries might refuse to give information regarding armaments, but it was pointed out that the covenant provides for the disclosure of armaments.

BRITISH TO PUBLISH IRISH REPLY TODAY

CABINET GOING TO SCOTLAND FOR CONFERENCE.

London Report Calls Answer Flat Refusal to Accept Offer of Dominion Status.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—The reply of the Daily Eireann to Mr. Lloyd George, now in the hands of the British premier, will be given out tomorrow for publication, although the British cabinet has yet to take it under advisement.

This was officially announced tonight at Dublin. Reports from Scotland indicated cabinet members are en route to Inverness, where a cabinet council will be held.

Whitehall has been the scene of lively activity by the ministers whom the premier's summons found in London. General Sir Nevill Macready, commander of the troops in Ireland, arrived at Gairloch, Scotland, today on a destroyer from Dublin to confer with the premier.

The press association says that the Sinn Fein reply is regarded in government circles as a definite rejection of the government's proposal of a dominion status. The situation, according to the press association, is considered grave.

DUBLIN, Sept. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—So convinced is the Irish public generally that negotiations between the Daily Eireann and the British government will result in peace that it is taking little or no interest in the coming and going of messengers between Dublin and Scotland, where the latest reply to the British peace proposals was delivered to Premier Lloyd George. Letters are generally looked upon now as merely the necessary stages in the long parley.

It was arranged that the Daily's last letter to the British prime minister, delivered Thursday night, should be published simultaneously in Dublin and London Sunday night, but at the time the arrangement was made it was not known that Mr. Lloyd George intended to call a cabinet meeting at Inverness to consider the letter and possibly the British government's reply to it.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN SUED

\$10,000 Fee Sought by Intervenor in Divorce Case.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—The complaint in a suit against Charlie Chaplin, served on him while he was posing here for a portrait minus flat shoes, derby and mustache, was filed in court today. The suit is brought by Fred E. Goldsmith, who seeks \$10,000 as a fee for inducing the defendant to pay Mildred Harris Chaplin \$100,000 in settlement of alimony claims.

Goldsmith said the question was whether his services were a necessity to his client, who was still married to Chaplin when she retained the lawyer.

Chaplin claims they were a luxury, the attorney said.

TWO DIE IN AUTO WRECK

Bodies of Brothers Are Discovered Underneath Overturned Car.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 3.—F. H. Burchhaus, a nurseryman of Sumner, and his brother, T. W. Burchhaus, an insurance agent of Seattle, were killed in an automobile wreck on the Hood canal highway, three miles from Quilceno, last evening. No one saw the crash that caused their deaths.

A passing motorist saw the bodies overturned on the car, which apparently had overturned on a hill. The bodies were taken to Port Townsend.

RETAIL FOOD PRICES UP

Increases in 14 Principal Cities Shown by U. S. Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—Retail prices in August showed increases over July prices in 14 principal cities, according to statistics made public today by the department of labor.

In Philadelphia prices increased 8 per cent; in Chicago and Washington, 5 per cent; in Kansas City, 4 per cent; in Salt Lake City and Denver, 1 per cent.

SON OF BANKER ALLEGED FORGER

Grand Jury Indicts Jerrod Peabody for Crime.

FATHER SEATTLE FINANCIER

Indorsement of \$198 Check Is Specific Charge.

YOUTH IS IN COUNTY JAIL

Father Is Director in Federal Reserve System—Alleged Auto Thieves to Be Tried.

Jerrold Peabody, son of C. E. Peabody of Seattle, head of the Puget Sound Navigation company and director of the federal reserve bank, was indicted by the Multnomah county grand jury yesterday on the charge of forging an indorsement to a \$198 check. Though the young man was thrown in the county jail several days ago, efforts to avoid publicity in the affair because of the prominence of his family met with success until the action of the grand jury yesterday.

The boy's mother is said to be on the verge of a nervous collapse. Up to yesterday it was reported that the father had refused to go to the rescue of his son, who had run away from home at an early age and had been a wanderer much of his life. He has a pretty wife and baby who are reported in stringent circumstances because of his arrest. The young man had been driving a Tillamook stage and more than \$120 due him is said to have been seized by a garage for alleged repairs, leaving Mrs. Peabody virtually penniless.

Brothers Come to Rescue.
Brothers of the young man are active in their efforts to straighten out his affairs, and may succeed in making restitution and avoiding prosecution on the charge. The indictment charges forgery of the indorsement of "A. L. Carpenter" to a check for \$198 on the Williams bank. This check was lost by a passenger on the stage line for which Peabody was driving. It was cashed at the Lion clothing store in payment for a hat and suit of clothes and change was received by a young man.

It is asserted that the clothing store employee identified Peabody as the man who cashed the check, though he stoutly denied the charge. The suit was tried on Peabody and is said to have proved a poor fit. The check was cashed July 21.

Young Peabody has never been in trouble before, according to District Attorney Evans, and bears a good reputation except that he is restless and seldom has worked at one job more than a month or so. He is a mechanic.

Indictments by the grand jury yesterday are expected to result in the breaking up of a gang of alleged promoters and automobile thieves. Robert J. ("Pat") Raymond was indicted on the charge of larceny of automobile tires from an east side garage, and also jointly with Merrill E. Daws, charged with the theft of silverware, etc., valued at \$166 from Virgil L. Hamlin's home on June 8, 1921.

Boy Remanded to Juvenile Court.
Irving Pope, aged 17, is said to have been connected with the operations of this alleged gang but was too young for grand jury action and was remanded to the juvenile court.

Daws and his wife, Bessie Daws, were both indicted on a charge of receiving stolen property. Their home at 400 Woodworth avenue is said to have been the rendezvous of the gang and the place where the "split" of stolen articles was made. The spe-

NEWS EVENTS OF WEEK ARE PORTRAYED BY CAR TOONIST PERRY.

