

HARDING IS PROUD OF YEAR'S RECORD

Carrying Out Promises Is No Easy Task.

CONGRESS IS BIT WAYWARD

Washington Conference Biggest Event, Doubtlessly.

GERMAN PEACE IS MADE

Introduction of Economy Into Government Affairs Another of President's Achievements.

BY ROBERT T. SMALL (Copyright, 1922, by The Oregonian.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—(Special.)—President Harding tonight looked back over his first year in the White House and both officially and unofficially felt somewhat proud of what the year had meant to him and to the people of the United States.

It is the president's boast that he has never failed to keep a political promise. He made this statement at a public dinner at the White House and to-night he contemplated his record of 12 months in the chief magistracy's chair. He felt there was nothing to retract, no matter what his political critics might say.

Mr. Harding has found that things look vastly different from the executive office than they did from the front porch at Marion or from the rear platform of a campaign special train. But he has been very earnest in his desire, one might say, earnestly to make promises and performance as nearly one as possible.

Thank Not Altogether Easy. It has not been an altogether easy task. Congress has not done its share. It has been said that the republican majority in the house has been too big, too unwieldy, for snappy teamwork.

But regardless of what congress has done or has not done, President Harding in his first 12 months of office has virtually completed the program of legislative recommendations he had outlined for his entire administration.

In the eyes of the world, if not of the country, the outstanding event of Mr. Harding's first year unquestionably has been his assembling of the Washington conference on the far east and the limitation of armaments. The president generously has given the senate credit for a share in the conference idea, but it was he who actually called the nations together and history will so record the fact.

Senate Threatens Upset. But now the senate is threatening to upset the most important work of the conference. There is real concern in Washington as to the fate of the so-called four-power pacific pact negotiated with Great Britain and France. Senate opposition has proved surprisingly strong in the last few days.

For a time the president did go to the capitol and lunch in the senate restaurant, but he hasn't been there for a long time now, except to make his formal appearance in house or (Continued on Page 4, Column 1.)

\$1,864,408 COLLECTED IN GASOLINE TAXES

SALES IN JANUARY AGGREGATE 2,555,296 GALLONS.

Vehicle Fuel Used in Oregon Since February, 1919, Would Fill Tank Train 101 Miles Long.

SALEM, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—Taxes on motor fuel oils remitted to Secretary of State Koser in January aggregated \$3,566,515, making a total of \$1,864,408.61 received from this source since February 25, 1919, when the first gasoline tax law became effective.

Gasoline sales in Oregon during the month of January, 1922, totaled 2,555,296 gallons. When compared with the month of December, 1921, this represents a decline of 756,902 gallons, or approximately 22 per cent. Sales of gasoline in January, 1922, however, showed an increase of 3 per cent when compared with the same month in 1921.

Refunds under the law of 1921, which are paid when gasoline is purchased and used for purposes other than the operation of motor vehicles upon the public highways, amounted to \$17,172.86 up to January 31, 1922.

All money produced by the motor vehicle fuel tax, except such sums as are necessary to pay refunds, are used in the maintenance and construction of state highways.

To transport the 140 millions of gallons by rail would necessitate a line of 13,380 tank cars of the 40-foot type, each with a capacity of 10,500 gallons, and the train would occupy a track of 101 miles, or the entire distance between Astoria and Portland.

SANTO DOMINGO GETS AID

Red Cross Dispatches Relief for Native Victims of Smallpox. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—Headquarters of the American Red Cross announced tonight that upon request of S. A. Mitchell, its field director in the Dominican republic, it had appropriated \$2000 for food, medicines and other relief for smallpox victims in the republic. There are now 2,000 cases at Santiago, Mico and Lavaga, Mr. Mitchell reported, and last week there were 225 deaths. The American marines stationed at Santo Domingo, it was said, were not affected.

CRUSHER FALLS; 5 HURT

Rock Bankers and Bins Collapse on Sherman Highway. MORO, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—Five men were injured when rock crushers and bins used by the King Construction company of Portland on a rock surfacing contract on the Sherman highway collapsed this morning. The men, whose names were not learned here, were sent to a Portland hospital.

A large force is at work grading the Sherman highway between Moro and Wasco. Bowers & Bowers are the general contractors.

CONFEREES SEEK NEW DRUG LAWS

Delegates to Be Sent to Washington, D. C.

OPIUM IMPORTS ATTACKED

Root of Evil Declared Out of Reach of States.

HARDING ASKED TO HELP

Governors and Representatives Line Up Strong Campaign to Extricate Use of Narcotics.

A campaign directed against narcotics, which is certain to develop into a national issue, and very probably reach out until it becomes an international affair, was launched yesterday at the conference of governors called together by Governor Olcott of this state.

Resolved, That the use of narcotics be prohibited throughout the United States, and that the manufacture and exportation of such articles be prohibited, and that the shipment of narcotics in bonds through the United States by other countries be prohibited.

Public Opinion to Be Raised. It was decided definitely that such an innovation would not only result in an effective awakening of members of congress to the necessity of some speedy action, but will likewise inform the people of the nation that the narcotic evil is a problem that every citizen of the country should study a bit in combating.

Public opinion, it developed, has not been aroused in some states. It has only been in the last few months, said Mayor Baker pointed out, that the citizens of Oregon have been given any insight into the tremendous spread of the evil.

Jones Bill Indorsed. In California and Washington the fight against narcotics has been waged for some time, but the public was unaware of the menace until Harry D. Smith, chief federal narcotic officer, who attended the conference yesterday, began an educational campaign to enlist public support to the battle which he and other officials are making against the ever-increasing use of narcotics.

Federal laws limiting the importation of crude opium, as well as prohibiting the exportation of opium and its derivatives and other narcotics, is the purpose of the Jones-Miller bill now pending before congress. The conference yesterday gave its hearty indorsement to this bill and adopted resolutions addressed to congress urging the passage of this bill.

It was the consensus of opinion of those assembled who were familiar with the narcotic situation that no real progress can be made in the war on the use of narcotics so long as opium can be imported into the United States, and so long as manu- (Continued on Page 18, Column 1.)

NORTH BANK FREIGHT JUMPS INTO CANYON

EIGHT PASSENGERS ESCAPE WITH THEIR LIVES.

Accident Occurs on Goldendale Branch, Five Miles From Lyle, Wash.—Loose Rail Is Cause.

STEVENSON, Wash., March 4.—(Special.)—Eight passengers escaped with their lives when a mixed freight and passenger train, on the Goldendale branch of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad, jumped into a canyon and turned over early this afternoon. The accident took place five miles from Lyle, Wash. The passengers, who were badly shaken, but not injured, were taken to Lyle on the engine.

The wreck was said to have been due to a section of rail which had been completely turned over. As the engine left the track five cars loaded with lumber followed. The passenger coach, which was on the rear, also turned over.

Several minutes after the wreck a snowslide covered the track ahead and considerable work was required to clear the way for the engine which was placed back on the track within an hour.

A report brought to Stevenson late this afternoon stated that one week's work would be required to remove the freight cars from their positions in the soft earth.

La Follette to Run Again. MADISON, Wis., March 4.—Robert M. La Follette, United States senator, will seek re-election next fall, his office here announced today.

SEATTLE ASKS CUT IN TELEPHONE RATE

PATRONS ALSO DECLARED ENTITLED TO REFUND.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., March 4.—Seattle's 65,000 telephone subscribers are entitled to a substantial reduction in rates. Not only that, but they have coming to them from the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company a rebate of more than \$14 with interest from the date of payment of each of their separate monthly bills. All this they are to get if the city is successful in the action to be brought first before the state department of public works and later, if necessary, in the courts.

The contention that telephone patrons have been overcharged at the rate of 70 cents a month since August 1, 1919, forms the gist of the petition filed with the department of public works by the corporation counsel. The telephone company is accused of levying tribute for two years under a tariff that had no legal sanction or existence.

During the war, when the telephone company was under federal control, the rates were raised approximately 75 cents a month. An order permitting the increase was issued by the state public service commission as then constituted, but was declared illegal by the state supreme court. In actual practice, however, the rate has been in effect ever since, in spite of the court's decision. The government relinquished control of the company in August. (Continued on Page 16, Column 1.)

MISSIONARY SLAIN BY TIBET ROBBERS

Dr. A. L. Shelton, Noted Worker, Murdered.

FEW DETAILS ARE LEARNED

WIFE ESCAPES INJURY

Mrs. Shelton Reported to Have Been in Northern India Having Bible Translation Printed.

NEW YORK, March 4.—(Special.)—The mountain passes of Tibet that have witnessed the last moments of many emissaries of the white man's civilization who have tried to traverse them in the interest of religion or science have, according to advices received here today, been the mute spectators of another tragedy that is destined to shock missionary circles throughout the world.

There in the land famous for its "devil worshippers" and its forbidden city of Lhasa; there where he escaped just two years ago from a band of Chinese brigands who had held him captive for 71 days; there where he struggled for almost 20 years in an effort to make the last nation on earth a part of the kingdom of Our Lord, Dr. Albert L. Shelton, preacher and physician, has been slain by outlaws.

A meager report of his martyrdom reached Rev. Drs. S. Guy Inman and A. E. Cory of this city today in the form of a telegram from Dr. H. G. Howden of the United Christian Missionary society from the headquarters of the society in St. Louis.

The telegram from Tibet came from Dr. W. H. Hardy, also a medical missionary in China, and read: "Robbers killed Shelton near Batang February 17. Notify girls. The girls referred to were Dr. Shelton's daughters, Dorothy, 17, and Dorris, 15, who are attending school in Pomona, Cal.

Headquarters at Batang. Dr. Shelton's headquarters were at Batang, near the Tibet border, and Dr. Hardy's cablegram was from Likiang, the nearest telegraph station, a 15 day's journey, and this, it was explained, was responsible for the delay in news of the murder.

Although Tibet has not been open to missionaries, Dr. Shelton departed from Vancouver last August to open a hospital at Lhasa. He had received a written invitation from the Dalai Lama, the supreme power of the Buddhist church in the province, to establish the hospital in recognition of his work among Tibetan soldiers.

The last word received from Dr. Shelton was when he was 15 days journey out of Batang, which he said he expected to reach December 23. The theory of the missionary society here is that he reached Batang on scheduled time. Lhasa is a 35-day trip by caravan from Batang, and it is not thought the time between December 23 and February 17 was sufficient to allow him to organize the caravan. Consequently it is believed he was killed while on a side trip alone, administering to the sick.

No Other Murder Reported. The theory of his safe arrival in Batang is the fact that no one else was reported murdered. Dr. Shelton, his party were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morse and their small child of Tulsa, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Duncan of Buffalo, who were entering the mission field.

MR. OLCOTT TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR AGAIN

EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCES THAT HE WILL ENTER RACE.

Formal Statement and Text of Platform Will Be Issued in Near Future.

Ben W. Olcott announced yesterday that he would become a candidate for the republican nomination for governor of Oregon at the coming primary election.

Governor Olcott's announcement that he would again be a gubernatorial candidate was made here while he was in attendance at the narcotic conference of western state governors and their representatives.

The governor said that within a short time he would make formal announcement of his candidacy and at the same time make public the platform upon which he would seek election.

"I have been too busy with the details of my office to formulate a platform yet," said Governor Olcott. "That will come later. However, I have decided definitely to become a candidate."

35 KILLED BY CYCLONE

Buildings and Shipping Destroyed in Port of East Africa.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, Portuguese East Africa, March 4.—Serious loss of life and damage to property was caused by a cyclone which recently swept the seaport town of Chinde, in this territory, destroying the government offices and many other buildings and causing the sinking of numerous launches and other craft in the port. At least five Europeans and 30 natives were killed and it is feared more casualties will come to light when the details are known.

Havoc was wrought on the estates of the Sena sugar factory, limited, which also lost 19 lighters and two launches.

METEOR FOUND AT DAM

Workmen at Ochoco Project Place Strange Rock in Retaining Wall.

PRINEVILLE, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—One day recently the crew of workmen employed on the Ochoco dam found what seems without question to be a meteor.

The body of rock is about five feet in diameter and it was unearthed a short distance below the surface and blown out by the use of powder. It was placed in the retaining wall of the canal.

CLOUDY WEEK SLATED

Occasional Rains Are Forecast in Pacific States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are: Northern Rocky mountain and plateau regions—Local snows at beginning of week; generally fair thereafter; cooler first half; normal temperature thereafter.

ALUMNI REQUEST TRUSTEES TO QUIT

Pacific University Board Held Drive Slackers.

BACKING CALLED INADEQUATE

FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN CAUSE OF ADOPTING RESOLUTIONS.

NO ACTION IS TAKEN

Accused Officials Name Committee to Confer With Alumni, But Do Not Resign.

On the ground that they had not given adequate support to the financial campaign for Pacific university at Forest Grove, the trustees of that institution yesterday were asked by the alumni to resign in a body. The request was embodied in resolutions, signed by the executive committee of the alumni association of the school and presented at the board of trustees' meeting yesterday afternoon in the office of Frank M. Warren in the Yvon building.

The resolutions, demanding the resignations for the "best interests of the school," were presented by R. J. Kirkwood, chairman of the executive committee of the alumni association. The names of 13 persons—some of them now on the board but several who are not—were suggested in the resolution as trustees to be named when the board is reorganized.

Trustees Take No Action. Members of the board of trustees announced last night, following a meeting which consumed the entire afternoon, that they had declined to take any action on the alumni's resolution.

As a compromise move, however, the trustees said they had appointed a committee, headed by Harrison G. Platt, president of the board, to meet with the alumni for the selection of four alumni representatives to fill vacancies in the board and to meet with the present trustees.

It was said that City Commissioner Pier had presented his resignation for action yesterday, on the ground that he was unable to attend the meetings and there were three previous vacancies, making in all four vacant trusteeships which it was proposed to fill with representatives of the alumni group.

Acceptance Not Expected. Mr. Kirkwood expressed the belief last night that this plan of the trustees would not be acceptable to the alumni.

"I believe that the alumni will not be content with less than the full programme outlined by our resolutions," he declared.

The resolutions, which had been adopted and signed at a meeting of the alumni executive committee Friday night, called attention to the lack of \$20,000 of the funds necessary to cover expenses of the university for the coming school year, which, it was declared, had brought the institution to a crisis which might mean its discontinuance.

It was said also to be the opinion of the signers that united action might be obtained and best interests of the institution served by a reorganization of the board of trustees.

NEW COMIC STRIP BEGINS MONDAY

"Home, Sweet Home," a new daily comic strip by H. J. Tut-hill will appear six times a week in The Oregonian beginning tomorrow.

It presents the humorous side of domestic life in a highly entertaining way and is entirely free from vulgarity.

Tut-hill is rapidly gaining favor as one of the best comic artists of the day. He began his work in St. Louis but was called to a wider field in New York. The present strip is comparatively new and is recognized as one of the best.

Turn to it on the classified advertising pages tomorrow.

The popular "Polly and Her Pals" will retain its place in The Oregonian.

Attention was called to the lack of business interests of Portland and Forest Grove, the Congregational churches of the section and the alumni of the school.

It was declared in the communication that the alumni would undertake (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

CURRENT NEWS ILLUMINED BY CARTOONIST PERRY. BY JING! YOU'RE A BRIGHT HEALTHY LOOKING YOUNGSTER! ONE YEAR OLD YESTERDAY. WHEN MARCH COMES IN THIS WAY HOW DOES IT GO OUT? HAVING HALF THE GOLD IN... THE WORLD DOESN'T MEAN YOU FEEL RICH. WILL THEY NEVER LEARN? FOURTEEN PEOPLE KILLED BECAUSE A BUS DRIVER TRIED TO BEAT THE TRAIN TO THE CROSSING. GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE. NARCOTIC VENDOR.