

GRIDIRON DINNER IS RAIDED IN FUN

Fascisti Protest Violently Against 'Lame Duck' Rule.

MR. HARDING IS GUEST

Gathering Is Remarkable One in View of Notable Men Who Are Among Guests.

(By Chicago Tribune L. S. Lewis.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—The progressive bloc in congress and its efforts to gain control of the government formed the chief theme of burlesque at the Gridiron dinner tonight. The dinner followed the annual election of the club, at which Arthur Sears Henning, Washington correspondent of the Chicago Tribune was elected president. President Harding, who headed the list of distinguished guests, was an interested watcher and listener as the activities of the insurgents were portrayed in song and verse.

As the guests entered the hall they noted pickets armed with black shirts and hats of fascisti. One of the pickets banners bore the legend, "Mr. President, are you with us or against us?"

"The hour has come,"

Violent Protest Is Made.
President Henning of the club had scarcely rapped for order when a mob of fascisti rushed into the hall in violent protest against the rule by "lame ducks." A new president had been elected by the club a few hours earlier and the occasion was taken to burlesque the radical programs on Capitol hill.

The third party skit was the chief feature, written as presumably Shakespeare or Bacon would have written a one-act character study of the radical bloc's drive. The scene opened with the three witches brewing a "new party broth" in a cauldron. The witches were Borah, La Follette and Hiram Johnson.

The music was an enlivening feature of the dinner. There was a parody on a well-known song entitled "Sailing, Sailing Over the Three-Mile Line," which described the troubles of the ram ships, while "Listen to the Mocking Bird" was paraphrased into a story of the democratic victories in the last election with the refrain "Listen to the Mocking Bird."

Other Names Mentioned.
The names of other possible presidential candidates were in like manner attached to the several verses. The musical skit was entitled "The Gridiron Follies of 1932," with the soloists and chorus attired in harlequin suits of various colors.

"I thought the follies were largely a leg show," remarked one of the singers, when the title had been announced. "Sure 'enough," was the response, "proceeding to the White House on a wooden leg, encased in a big boot, was hoisted on a tall pole in the background and the performance proceeded."

The gathering was remarkable for its personnel, including President Harding, Vice-President Coolidge, every member of the cabinet, the British and French ambassadors, Associate Justice Sutherland of the United States supreme court, Daniel Wilson, president of the Baltimore & Ohio; C. H. Markham, president of the Illinois Central railroad; P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine company, besides a score of senators and senators-elect, including Edwards of New Jersey, Couzens of Michigan, Representative Volstead of Minnesota, prominent newspaper owners and editors, and distinguished men from all sections of the country.

Speeches were made by President Harding, Justice Sutherland, Senator Borah, Rev. James E. Freeman, rector of the Epiphany church, Washington, and "Uncle Joe" Cannon. As this dinner was the last public entertainment in the national capital at which the venerable ex-speaker will appear, he was presented with a bronze gridiron as a memento of the occasion.

CANDY SELLING OPPOSED

Legislation to Apply to Children Is Recommended.

Legislation against selling candy to children as one of the efficacious

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LEGION FIGHTING GADSKI

Means of preventing the extensive decay of teeth in modern young folks was the suggestion of Dr. Earl R. Abbott, chief speaker of the closing session yesterday of the annual conference of the Oregon State Dental association.

"Abnormal consumption of sugar by the young of this generation is the chief cause of bad teeth," Dr. Abbott declared, "no matter what the pseudo-scientifics and candy manufacturers may say to the contrary. Prohibition of inordinate candy eating should be as general as that against alcohol."

Officers of the association for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Dr. C. H. Jenkins of Hood River; vice-president, Dr. P. T. Meaney, Portland; secretary, Dr. F. H. Hollister, Portland; treasurer, Dr. O. J. Ferris, Portland; three new members of the executive committee, Dr. Fred E. Gullick, Dr. O. T. Wherry and Dr. T. J. McCracken, all of Portland.

HOTEL MEN CO-OPERATE

OREGON AND WASHINGTON INTERESTS IDENTICAL.

Closer Working Agreement Between States Urged at Convention's Closing Session.

Every road map handed out by a hotel man in either Oregon or Washington should show the highway system of both states on a single sheet. This is the opinion of the Oregon Hotel Men's association, which closed its 13th annual convention last night.

Closer co-operation between the hotel men of the two states was urged at a discussion on hotel management attended by Oregon convention delegates and a joint committee meeting was held to promote co-operation.

The delegates also agreed that the hotel men of the two states should meet in the spring and that next September the two organizations should gather at Rainier national park. A delegation also will be sent to the national convention of hotel men in Chicago.

Before adjournment yesterday W. E. Boyd, owner of the Benson, was elected president of the Oregon association, succeeding Phil Metcalf. Other officers elected were R. W. Price, first vice-president; E. W. Miller, second vice-president; R. M. Wood, third vice-president; Frank W. Beach, secretary; and Gilbert O. Madison, treasurer.

Earlier in the day the delegates listened to an discussion on hotel thieves by Joe Day, veteran Portland detective; an illustrated talk by S. C. Lancaster; had lunch at the Hotel Portland and prepared for the big banquet last night at the Multnomah.

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Taxes in the city of Portland will increase approximately five mills on the dollar in the ensuing year. This was made evident yesterday by figures given out by the tax supervision and conservation commission, which has very nearly completed its task of scrutinizing and certifying the budgets of the various tax-levying bodies.

The largest increase is that voted by the taxpayers themselves in approving the building programme of school district No. 1. The district's levy will next year be 10.6 mills, as compared with 6.7 mills this year, an increase of 3.9 mills. Other increases are 4 of a mill for the public commission of docks, which is raised from 2 to 2.4 mills; 1 of a mill for the Port of Portland, raised from 2 to 2.1 mills, and 1 of a mill for the city of Portland, raised from 13.5 to 14.5 mills.

County Levy Lower.
The only offset for these increases as yet shown by the tax commission's figures is a decrease for the county levy of .44 of a mill, from an aggregate of 8.4 to 8.1 mills.

The city levy would be \$13,900,000, the same as last year or a trifle lower had not the tax commission yesterday agreed to certify and put through a supplemental item of \$10,000 to be available in the police emergency fund for such contingencies as waterfront strike developments. This item did not have the approval of L. J. Goldsmith, member of the commission, but he declined to block the matter by voting in the negative. It was approved by Fred W. Mulkey, chairman, and R. L. Sablin, the other member. They passed the item after holding special conference with Mayor Baker, citing the fact that a water front strike is still in existence.

In the past year the city spent \$40,000 more than allowed in its budget for such an emergency. In submitting the \$50,000 item for coming year it pledged to spend a like amount before making use of the extra amount now made available. Commission Goldsmith pointed out that, without the additional item, the city would have \$100,000 available for such an emergency.

Reductions Are Listed.
"I am not voting against this simply because I do not believe in priority rule," said Mr. Sablin in explaining why he declined to vote at all.

The tax supervisors out the city's 1933 budget an aggregate of \$94,753,54. The items presented totaled \$4,924,846.65 and as finally agreed upon for certification this was cut to \$3,925,892.01.

A summary of the commission's treatment of the city budget shows the following results:
Personal services—Requested, \$2,822,279.90; allowed, \$2,798,772.90.

RETURN OF AUTO DENIED

DEALER'S CAR IS LAW-BREAKER, COURT HOLDS.

Dealers Lose Plea for Machine on Which Bootlegger Had Not Completed Payments.

Holding that the automobile was as much a law breaker as the rum-runner, Federal Judge Wolverton further tightened the net which the federal government is applying to rum-runners and moonshiners yesterday, when he denied the petition of the Manley Automobile company for the return of a car seized by agents.

The automobile in question was driven by Walter Husick, convicted bootlegger, on October 21. Husick, said to be the delivery and sales department of a moonshining clique operating in the hills of Columbia county, was stopped on the Linton road by a posse of federal prohibition agents. Thirteen gallons of moonshine were found in the car. Husick pleaded guilty and was fined \$250.

When the government commenced proceedings against the machine, the automobile company interferred and showed that Husick still owed \$98 on the car.

At the hearing yesterday morning the firm demanded that if the sale of the machine did not bring enough to cover their balance, the automobile be returned to them. To this petition the government, through Assistant United States Attorney Baldwin, offered the return of the car. The firm agreed with the federal prosecutor and ruled that the first claim against the machine was the cost of the libel proceedings and that the car should be sold, the government's charges paid over and whatever was left be paid over to the automobile company. In case anything was deducted from the sale price, it is to be turned into the treasury.

T. C. Wilson of Baker, who lost his car, said his automobile, a new six-cylinder machine, yesterday, was had been shot down and seriously wounded, was ordered confiscated and sold.

THREE PREMIERS CONFER

CONFERENCE MOST CRITICAL IN FOUR YEARS.

Great Britain to Be Receptive; Poincare to Present Full Plans for Reparations.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The premiers of France, Italy and Belgium, with staffs of financial experts arrived in London today for what is generally described as the most critical conference of the four years' succession of conferences, which have struggled to fix definite and final reparations terms for Germany.

France, Italy and Belgium will meet with Prime Minister Bonar Law to begin the discussions, set to last through the week end, if not into the second part of the coming week.

It will be a meeting of men who have not worked together before. Mr. Bonar Law will enter his first conference as prime minister.

Great Britain's attitude in the

DEEPER CHANNEL ASKED

WARRENTON REQUESTS SKIPANON RIVER SURVEY.

Sawmills Declare Atlantic Orders Refused Because of High Rail Rates to Astoria.

Warrenton is petitioning congress to direct the United States engineers to survey the Skipanon river with a view to deepening and widening that waterway. G. Clifford Barlow, recently elected to the post of Astoria commissioner, has taken the matter up with W. C. Hawley, congressional representative.

The desire is to have the Skipanon opened for a distance of 1 1/2 miles from the Columbia river with a channel 30 feet deep and 350 wide. The channel is now 20 feet deep and 125 feet in width. Two lumber mills at Warrenton want the waterway so that deep-sea carriers of large capacity can load at their docks. The mills say that they are refusing lumber orders for the Atlantic seaboard because the charges involved in transportation of lumber between Warrenton and the terminal at Astoria amount to \$2150 per million feet. Another company about to be incorporated, contemplating manufacture of lumber for the Atlantic coast, may not locate along the Skipanon because of the charges for

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