SEN. HARDING IS TO BEGIN CONFERRING DECEMBER 7 OR 8

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New York, Nov. 17.—Senator Harding expects to be back at his home in Marion, December 7 or 8 and almost immediately thereafter will begin conferences with Republican leaders, taking up the following questions first:

The Republican program of curtailment of government expenditure in forming the appropriation bills of the forthcoming short session of congress.

Whether modification of the existing tax laws shall be taken up at the coming session or put over, as Senator Penrose has recommended, until the new administration comes in March 4.

JUST TO STAMP THEM

The American foreign policy, including as it does at the outset, what disposition is to be made of the treaty of Versailles.

By the time Harding gets back to his desk in Marion the ground work of the new appropriation bills probably will have been discussed by the Republican leaders, and he is expected merely to give his approval to the general reduction in the payroll contemplated by the party.

By far the most interesting conferences he will hold will be those on the subject of the party's foreign policy, and in making his arrangements to see the party leaders on this question it is noteworthy that there will be no conferences of importance until after President Wilson has delivered his forthcoming message to congress.

That message, as has already been stated in these dispatches, will be the guide for what course the Republican leaders decide to take.

It is understood at headquarters here that Harding, in considering the party's foreign policy, will confer with all factions who have participated in the league fight. His tentative list, it is said, includes, for example, Senator Lodge, Elihu Root, Senator Knox, Herbert Hoover, Senator New, Mrs. Corinne Roosevelt Robinson, Senator Moses, Senator Watson, and possibly Senator Johnson, among others.

Republican leaders have expressed some little concern at Johnson's silence since the election and for that reason they expect Harding to reach a definite basis of understanding with the California irreconcilable before the party decides any definite program of foreign policy.

QUARREL SCOUTED

The senator's reported desire to see both Hoover and Root, in the minds of Republican leaders here disproves rumore than a coolness had sprung up between Root and Harding over the league question.

Root's suggestion on the league, cabled from London, they declare, was cabled at the request of Will Hays of the national committee and with the understanding that Senator Harding would welcome it. In support of their claim that he did welcome it they point out that not only did the spirit of Harding's August 28 speech on the league, square with that voiced in Root's cablegram, declaring that the stability of the world was inextricably bound up in the present league framework, but that Harding's words in that speech were almost identical in spots with words used in Root's cable.

PREDICTION VENTURED

In fact, in view of late developments in the situation, Henry L. Stoddard, publisher of the New York Evening Mail and intimate with many of the Republican leaders both past and present, ventures the following forecast under his signature:

"President-elect Harding may be expected to announce his secretary of state shortly after the conference he has declared he will hold at Marion next month and the prediction is here made that he will name Elihu Root."

Soviet Orders That All Russian Women Sew for Red Army

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Berlin, Nov. 18.—The soviet government has issued a decree making it obligatory upon all women to fight for Red Russia with the needle.

The decree emphasizes the serious lack of shoes and clothing for soldiers at the beginning of winter, and therefore makes it compulsory for all women to sew or knit for the Red armies.

The Prevd, official organ of the soviet government, says:

"At the moment it is our task to fight against the crisis in the shoe and clothing industries. The Red army is badly clothed and poorly shod. Last year we had heavy losses throug typhus, which steadily spread because the Red Guardists had no opportunity to change clothing.

"Now with the beginning of winter, the typhus epidemic is beginning again, and we must therefore mobilize all our energies to enable the Red soldiers to get a change of clothing. As it is difficult to fulfill this task with government means the council of the people's commissaries has been forced to issue this decree."

Tree Felled by Boy Kills His Mother

Kremmling, Colo., Nov. 18.—(I. N. S.)—Mrs. H. R. Heldman, 45, was almost instantly killed here when a tree that was being cut down by her young son fell on her, breaking her neck.