

# ONE TERM ISSUE TO BOB UP WHEN HARDING RETURNS

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Washington, Nov. 27.—The age-old question of whether presidents of the United States should have a single term is up again. Just eight years ago it was raised in congress when Woodrow Wilson was president-elect and he wrote a letter to A. Mitchell Palmer, then chairman of the Democratic caucus in the house of representatives, saying four years was often too short a time to complete an administration program, and that often it was too long a period to keep an incompetent, executive and that the people themselves were the best judges.

Now, however, the question has arisen in connection with the selection of a cabinet by President-elect Harding. There seems to be two definite lines of thought, one that Mr. Harding ought to select men who will be of benefit to him in the event that he is elected, and the other that he ought to select men for his cabinet whose own ambitions would lead them to political life in the event of an immediate desire for the limelight on the part of the would-be candidates for the 1924 nomination.

**JOHNSON AND PRIMARIES**  
Senator Hiram Johnson may raise the question when he revises the subject of choosing presidents by preference primaries. He is determined to get legislation that will put an end to the methods by which the political conventions of both parties operated in 1920.

Incidentally Governor Lowden of Illinois pledged himself to be a single-term president in the event that he was nominated at Chicago, and the idea gained considerable support because of his advocacy of it. Also it can now be told that Governor Cox is in complete sympathy with the proposition and was ready to put it in his speech of acceptance, but was dissuaded at the last moment by Democratic leaders, who urged that such a declaration should not be personal, but should be embodied in a constitutional amendment and would come with better grace after election than before. This proposal by which Governor Cox planned to limit himself to a single term in the event of election constituted the mysterious insert which was to have been telegraphed to newspapers throughout the country as an indication of the policy of the speech of acceptance which already had been printed and mailed.

**PLAN IS ABANDONED**  
In support of the proposal, there were others in the Democratic fold who believed an announcement of a single term pledge would bring enthusiastic cooperation from Democrats who were themselves potential candidates for the presidency. The theory was that the would-be candidate would be able to gain the Cox' victory, because he would naturally be the nominee for a second term, where, in the event of a Harding victory, there would be an open contest for the Democratic nomination in 1924. Nevertheless, the plan was abandoned and was never referred to again during the campaign.

As for Senator Harding, the question of a second term enters into many a discussion of the policies of his administration. Nobody is attributing to the president-elect a desire for a second term, for anybody who knows Warren Harding knows him to be characterized as an ambitious man. He is much concerned with making good in the term for which he has been elected, and letting the future take care of itself.

**POLITICIANS BUSY ALREADY**  
Nevertheless the politicians who think they are going to have a good deal to say about the next administration are already laying lines for the retention of control after the first term. But it is not yet clear whether the Republican party had been cooling its heels outside the White house for eight long years.

Delegates to national conventions as a rule are either federal officeholders or former officeholders. The nomination of William Howard Taft in 1908 was accomplished because the federal officeholders under President Roosevelt were advised to choose Taft. The renomination of Taft in 1912 was possible because the federal officeholders and the existing Republican organizations were dominant in the regular convention. From 1912 to 1916 it was difficult getting a renomination in 1916 and if he had said the word he could have selected the Democratic nominee this year. The McAdoo and Palmer forces constituting the bulk of the Democratic delegates were largely federal officeholders or their friends.

**RENOMINATION LOOKS EASY**  
Warren Harding can easily get a renomination in 1924 if he makes even a fair record in the presidency, as the officeholding machinery is all powerful at a national convention. Senator Hiram Johnson intends to put a stop to this influence in national politics. It would not be surprising to find Senator Harding himself eliminating the personal issue from consideration by making a single term pledge similar to that which Governor Lowden of Illinois gave to Republican leaders at Chicago. There are those who think Senator Harding would get along much better with Hiram Johnson and have much less trouble if the question of a single term for the presidency were disposed of, so that the California senator would feel that he had an equal opportunity with the nomination in 1924. This is one phase

# 18 ON BOARD DRIFTING BOAT MAY BE LOST

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Telegraph and telephone communication with the rest of the state was cut off when the wires were blown down early Friday morning. The wind was the most severe of the season. An inch of rain fell in 24 hours. The highest tides of the season came this week, and with the rain swelling the streams, the water in Coal Basin inlet flowed over the dyke and into the railroad addition to the marshland over the racetrack, which is an unfilled and low part of the city. No damage was done, but auto travel was made difficult to several of the outlying districts while the tides were high. Until Sunday the high tides will be around 10 feet. The rain causing freights and the high tides will help to move many logs at the headwaters of the rivers.

**12-FOOT WAVE CRASHES ALL  
ON BEACH NEAR SEATTLE**  
Seattle, Wash., Nov. 27.—(U. P.)—In the wake of a terrific storm that lashed the coast and inland harbors throughout the night, playing havoc with shipping at sea and other property ashore, showed a scene of wreckage early today that has been unparalleled in the last two years.

At the height of the storm a wind-driven wave 12 feet high crashed over South Alki beach on the sound, crashed against the cottages along the shore line and tore away bulkheads, underpinning and small outbuildings and swept them out into the furthest reaches of the bay. A general crashing of glass accompanied the storm throughout the city, street cars were halted, blocking traffic and telephone and telegraph and electric light wires were blown down. The damage to moored shipping in the bay, however, was slight, notwithstanding the violence of the gale.

The Merchants Exchange reported that a small fishing boat had been wrecked near Smith Cove and the steamer Betsy Gatzert had been bumped into her pier, with small damage.

Postal and Western Union service between northwest points was reported to have been interrupted. The north and west were reported out of use by the Western Union, and they report all lines down as far south as Astoria, as well as to Bellingham and Everett.

While 25-mile gales came outside, shattering their windows, the storm came riding on the wings of the wind to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Williams at Alki, bringing them a baby daughter, who was born at 10:30 a. m.

Ben Huber, who was struck by an automobile, died in the city hospital this morning. Slippery, rainy streets and the high wind prevented the driver and passengers from escaping.

Seven women also were injured during the night, according to traffic reports on file this morning. All were struck by motor vehicles confused in the storm.

**SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE  
GIVES UP HOPE FOR BARGE**  
San Francisco, Nov. 27.—(U. P.)—The W. R. Grace company, agents for the barge W. J. Pirrie, ashore on the Washington coast, had practically given up hope today that the barge would be recovered. They have had no direct word regarding the barge or its crew. They were hopeful that the 18 persons aboard, including the barge and child of the captain, may have been saved.

The steamer Santa Rita, which was forced to cast the Pirrie adrift, is believed safe by its agents here on the coast. Messages relayed by the coast guard cutter Shenandoah show the scene, searching for some trace of the Pirrie.

Mrs. D. J. Crossland, wife of the chief clerk of the Pirrie, of Berkeley today anxiously awaited some word of the fate of her husband.

**ABERDEEN AND HOQUIAM  
ARE FLOODED BY STORM**  
Aberdeen, Wash., Nov. 26.—With a 10-foot tide, the Grays Harbor country was flooded today by the highest water since 1912. The business section was flooded and the waters ran through the streets like mill race. The town was flooded to a great extent. Many wooden sidewalks were dislodged and in low lands residences were flooded in the first story. All mills along the river front were forced to close. The flood receded with the outgoing tide and the damage is not considered serious.

**MAY BE ON UMATILLA REEF,  
IS REPORTED MAY BE ASTORIA**  
Astoria, Nov. 27.—That the barge W. J. Pirrie, on route from Tacoma to west coast in tow of the steamer Santa Rita, is in danger of going on the rocks south of Umatilla reef and 100 miles north of the Columbia river, is the wireless message received here yesterday afternoon.

The SOS call came from the Santa Rita. The steamer had been towing the barge W. J. Pirrie, which had 18 people on board, including women and children. The Santa Rita reported the barge adrift and within one mile of the beach, which is lined with rocks at that point.

**PORT ARTHUR STORM LOSS  
\$100,000; 2 MAY BE DEAD**  
Port Arthur, Texas, Nov. 27.—(U. P.)—Property loss of approximately \$100,000, one dead and one missing in a single night of the worst winter storm which struck the waterfront here last Friday, demolishing part of the Port Arthur canal and docks.

Charles Jackson, 16-year-old boy, was killed when struck by flying lumber, and it is said one young woman is missing who was seen passing the sheds when the storm broke.

# SEARCH IS FOR MIDDLERS IN NAVY DEFEATS RUTGERS

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 27.—(U. P.)—Police dragnets throughout the entire West were being tightened today in the search for Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, charged with having shot Jake L. Hamon, Oklahoma multimillionaire and Republican leader, with intent to kill him during a quarrel in his hotel apartment last Sunday night. Hamon died from effects of the wound.

Two trunks owned by Mrs. Hamon, which she shipped here following the shooting, were under constant guard at the Union station today. Police believe, however, that she has abandoned the trunks and fled to California without them. She is 27 years of age and of unusual beauty.

Another theory is that the woman went into seclusion in Kansas City when she fled in efforts to obtain her trunks. A systematic search of all hotels and rooming houses will be undertaken at once.

**HUNDREDS SYMPATHIZE  
WITH MAGNATE'S FAMILY**  
Ardmore, Okla., Nov. 27.—(U. P.)—Hundreds of people gathered today poured in on the family of Jake L. Hamon, Republican national committee man and railroad magnate, who died of a bullet wound in the hotel apartment of the wealthy promoter, charged with having shot him to pay final respects to Hamon today.

Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois presided over the funeral services with scores of other prominent Republicans from all parts of the country. Funeral services will be held Monday.

A county attorney's office announced that no indictment would be held until after the funeral.

# LEAGUE ACTS ON DISARMAMENT

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when the territories attain maturity and are able to govern themselves.

Sweden today submitted for publication two treaties with the United States. The first is a treaty of friendship, commerce and consular rights, and the second is a treaty of friendship, commerce and consular rights.

**DELICATE QUESTIONS OF  
WAR DODGED BY ASSEMBLY**  
By A. E. Johnson  
United States Staff Correspondent  
Geneva, Nov. 27.—While leaders have every confidence of ultimate success in that a better healing of war wounds will permit the League of Nations to function with greater assurance, two weeks' work by the league in its present session makes it apparent that the world is not yet ready to attempt to solve its most serious problems.

Expressing the belief that the war was too recent thing to permit cool, calm consideration of many problems, the framers of the peace treaty passed these questions on to the League of Nations for solution.

**RED PROBLEM EVADED**  
The present assembly is now passing them on to some future assembly, with the result that two years after the signing of the armistice, situations which statesmen regard as holding the most serious potentialities in Europe are still being dodged.

The Russian situation was recognized as the most menacing of the world's problems. It is still admitted that without peace in Russia, a stabilized Europe is impossible. The peace conference, however, successfully evaded the Russian problem and the present league assembly will not even permit discussion of Russia.

**DISARMAMENT UNCERTAIN**  
Disarmament was discussed in the peace conference, but left for action by the league, and the league is now passing it for future consideration.

Armenia, the Polish boundary problem, the question of admitting Germany to the league and other subjects now uppermost were live questions of debate in the peace conference and have again come to the front in the league. They were left to the league, but the league is not yet ready to tackle them.

**KILLINGS CONTINUE**  
Although the old leaders are absent—Wilson, Lloyd George and Clemenceau—the league session in many respects resembles nothing more than merely a resumption of the peace conference. The same problems are up for discussion, the same objections are voiced to this or that settlement, and owing to a desire to prevent any serious friction at this stage of the world's reconstruction period, the problems are again passed over.

If the United States refuses to act in an attempt to bring peace between the warring nations, the league is left with the question of admitting Germany to the league and the good offices of some other nation will be sought. But the league is not yet ready to tackle them.

# ALL TESTIMONY IS SUBMITTED IN LEADBETTER SUIT

Taking of testimony in the suit of Fred W. Leadbetter to compel the executors of the estate of the late Henry L. Pittcock to sell to him shares of the Crown-Willamette Pulp & Paper company valued at approximately \$755,000, was completed Friday afternoon before Circuit Judge Tucker, and argument was begun for the plaintiff.

Leadbetter contends that he is entitled to purchase the stock because of a verbal agreement between Pittcock and himself, made April 1, 1910, wherein Pittcock told him he could secure a return of the stock which he had transferred to Pittcock if he would pay the original purchase price and 6 per cent interest from the time of the transfer. He claims the time for such a repurchase was not limited. A question at issue is, however, as to the reasonable length of time for the carrying out of such an agreement. It is alleged by the defense that at no time during the past decade did Leadbetter ever make a tender of the stock which he now desires to possess.

Following the death of Pittcock, Leadbetter and his attorneys held conference with the trustees named in the will of the late Henry L. Pittcock, but he was told that they would waive no rights and that they would resist legal action to compel a transfer of the stock.

At the close of the testimony for the defense, Friday, Leadbetter reappeared on the witness stand and deposed that there were any strained relations between himself and Pittcock, his father-in-law, prior to Pittcock's death. He said that the first impression he had had come to him in the courtroom or since his suit had been filed.

At the close of the testimony for the defense, Monday by D. P. Price and Charles H. Carey.

# Weston Begins His Life Sentence Term

Salem, Or., Nov. 27.—A. J. Weston of Bend arrived at the state prison here Saturday to begin serving his life sentence for the murder of Robert Krug near Wilson, Deschutes county, in March, 1919. He will be confined in the receiving cell for a few days and will then be given employment within the prison.

**Marriage Licenses**  
Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 27.—Marriage licenses were issued Friday to Kay Benefield, 31, Manning, 31, and Nellie Taylor, 19, both of Bellingham, Bunnell, 20, and Dorothy M. Phillips, 20, Vancouver; Ernie Nelisava, 25, and Emma Hoir, 21; Angelo Mann, 21, and Irma Roddy, 19, St. Helens; W. B. Robinson, 26, Portland, and Myrtle Miller, 24, San Francisco; William Canning, 32, and Flossie Friday, 28, Tigard, Or.

**LARSON STAYS GAME**  
Noyes hit center for seven yards, but was tackled by the Army line. The Navy line failed to gain. The Army line failed to gain. The Navy line failed to gain. The Army line failed to gain.

**FRENCH CIRCLES END**  
The quarter King kicked off to French on Army's 5 yard line and he ran the ball back 12 yards. French then hit right tackle for first down. Two mass plays at center gained 3 yards for French. French then hit right tackle for first down. Two mass plays at center gained 3 yards for French.

**NO SCORE IN THIRD**  
Larson, Navy's center, intercepted an Army forward pass on the cadets' 45-yard line. He was tackled by the Army line. The Navy line failed to gain. The Army line failed to gain.

**PRECEDENT CITED**  
The view of the state department is that the president can act as mediator without asking consent of congress, inasmuch as it is specifically stated that no military obligation is involved. The league request refers to the "government of the United States" rather than to the president personally. Some question arose as to whether or not this might not make consultation with congress necessary.

However, it is held that the president as the responsible head of the government can answer for it, and that ample precedent exists for the president to act as mediator himself or to arrange for mediation. Belle's view was expressed that the president seek to bring peace to Armenia, congress would make no effort to block him.

**OBJECTIONS ARE SEEN**  
How the president will view the request is uncertain and no indication as to his probable course could be obtained from the White house. The particular interest of this country in Armenia, the president's interest in establishing peace and the fact that he is already engaged in delimiting the boundaries of Armenia,

# Fireman, Engineer Are Injured When Engine Axle Breaks

Roseburg, Nov. 27.—Fireman E. M. Addison and Engineer W. J. Davis were hurt Friday when the left main driving axle of their engine broke as it was entering the tunnel eight miles south of Glendale.

Addison was badly scalded and burned about the face and hands from steam. Davis escaped with a sprained shoulder.

The injured men were taken to Glendale. The train was a freight. No damage was done except to the engine. When the axle broke it punched a hole in the boiler. The fireman, on the left side of the engine, received the full force of the scalding steam. The track was soon cleared.

# HILL ROADS FIGHT TO HOLD UNION STATION

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days ago that he would investigate why better facilities could not be provided at the North Bank station, or—if it was impossible—why all roads could not use the Union station terminal facilities. He stated that the conference would not be held until the winter months.

L. C. Gilman, vice president of the Great Northern, is in Portland and is said to be making negotiations. He declared today that the Great Northern could not tell the reasons why it could not improve the Hoyt street station or use the Union station terminal facilities. He said that the result of his investigation was that the terminal facilities at the Hoyt street station were not adequate.

**WANTS TO REMAIN**  
Officials familiar with the status of affairs at the Union station—or the Northern Pacific terminal, as it is technically known—said that the terminal company has asked the Great Northern and S. P. & S. to discontinue use of the terminal for the trains they now operate into Portland.

But the Great Northern is not anxious to let go of the terminal facilities. The Union station, which it has been making use of for two years, the railroad officials say.

**ENTER AGREEMENT**  
Back at the beginning of railroad history in the Northwest the Northern Pacific, Southern Pacific and Union Pacific agreed to use the Union station, and since the roads have returned to private operation it has continued operation into the station pending negotiations. This permission was given by the company as a result of a meeting of railroad executives in Portland several months ago.

Officials of the terminal company say that the Great Northern has never had a contract permitting the operation of trains into the Union station.

**Marriage Licenses**  
Oregon City, Nov. 27.—Marriage licenses were issued Friday to Miss Elizabeth Medora Haines of Oswego and David Hurst Lecher of Erie, Pa., and Miss Emma Gauske of Canada and William Elzel of Mackaburg.

# TWO LINEMEN ARE KILLED WHILE AT WORK ON WIRES

Joseph Velosky, 26, lineman for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, was killed Friday afternoon while at work on electric wires torn down by the wind at Chapman and Jackson streets. Velosky was seen to fall from a pole by fellow workers, and was unconscious after the fall. He died at St. Vincent's hospital. An autopsy will be held today to determine whether death was the result of electrocution or heart disease.

V. A. Marlow of 408 Constance street, lineman for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, was electrocuted on a pole at Ninetieth street and Woodstock avenue Friday night. He was repairing lines broken down by the wind.

Live wires were down at several places in the city, making it necessary for patrolmen to keep watch on them and protect passers-by until repairs could be made. The company said that the result of his investigation was that the terminal facilities at the Hoyt street station were not adequate.

# GERMANY OFFERS NO EXCUSE FOR MISDEEDS

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structure a fitting instrument to attain fulfillment of its sublime task to secure peace on earth through cooperation of all men." Dernburg wrote. "The national flag and the German people, however, believe in the possibility of its perfection."

Dernburg pointed out former Premier Clemenceau's accusations against Germany made under the treaty.

"Not on account of the economic burden, but on account of the offensive one-sided statements, which have not been approved in an impartial forum, are thought unbearable for the German people, and destroy at the outset the league will not thrive," he said.

**DISTINCTION HELD DIFFICULT**  
"We do not deny that, during the progress of the massacre the world has just passed through, much frightfulness and oppression was practiced on our side. These are the accompaniments of every war. It will always be difficult to distinguish between murder under the sanctioned laws of international law and the misdeeds that lie beyond this line."

In the writer said Germany does not excuse its war deeds, but will gladly try to make good. He pointed out that Germany has been propagandized by a powerful press. He pointed out that Germany has been propagandized by a powerful press.

**NO EXCUSE OFFERED**  
"We neither seek excuse nor ask forgiveness from others or ourselves." Dernburg declared if justice is to be done in the league a statement must be made that all belligerents are sinners, that all were members of the "old system" and that all aspired to the same political ideals, and hence must bear the same burden. He demanded that the

# Many Invitations To Liggett Dinner Are Misunderstood

"Can't The Journal conduct a correspondence course in social etiquette?" petitioned Dr. J. Francis Drake of the board of officers of the Oregon National Guard, this morning.

"It's about the invitations we extended to some 200 leading Portlanders to attend the dinner we are giving in honor of Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett, U. S. army, at the Chamber of Commerce on the night of November 30," he explained. "Each invitation bore the letters 'R. S. V. P.' and each invitation asked the recipient to be our guest, which means that we pay for the dinner and the guests do not. Acceptance were so slow coming in that I began calling up some of those we had invited. I was thunderstruck to discover that those who could come though 'R. S. V. P.' signified their presence would be accepted without response from them, and that those who couldn't come were not to be present. The fact is we want to hear and must hear immediately from the guests we have invited. We want to know whether they will be in the form of the letters 'U. S. A.' and the colors will be red, white and blue."

# Lieut. Elder and Bride Return From Surprise Marriage

Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. Frederick Z. Elder returned to Portland this morning after their honeymoon trip through the East, and have taken up residence at the Selwyn apartments.

The bride, formerly Ethel, Spaulding, is from Norfolk, Va., and is the daughter of Mrs. James C. Tait of that city.

Commander Elder asked for two weeks' leave of absence and was granted it on the strength of a "nervous breakdown." He went to his home at Altoona, Pa., and later had the leave extended. The word of his marriage, November 10, in New York, was a surprise to his friends in Portland.

After the wedding they came west, stopping at Altoona, Chicago and Milwaukee.

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A telephone company, in its broadest sense, is a partnership consisting of the State as an institution, the public as a group of customers, and the company. The State determines the extent to which the company may go and regulates its rates, services and practices. The company furnishes the facilities with which these rights are exercised and the services rendered. Those members of the public who constitute the customers, furnish the revenue with which the company is enabled to perform these services. No telephone company can exist without customers, and these customers must be treated with fairness both by the company and by the State. The State does not permit any undue burden to be placed upon a customer.

A public service corporation, in a broad sense, is merely an organized right to render the public a service, and in the same larger sense the service belongs to the company's customers. It follows that the customers are really the company. What benefits or harms the one has a like effect upon the other.

We are anxious that our present customers, applicants for service and the company shall be treated fairly. To continue to extend our service under the present condition is impossible. We invite our customers, the public of Oregon, to interest themselves in our problem.

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