

WHITE WISHES HARDING SUCCESS IN COMING TASKS

Washington, Feb. 19.—George White, chairman of the Democratic national committee, who has been retained in power by unanimous vote of the executive committee of the party, said today that he hoped President-elect Harding would find an early solution of the many economic problems facing the country and that Democrats everywhere should lay aside partisan feeling and cooperate.

"I have taken the position all along," declared White, in an exclusive interview, "that this was not the time for excessive organization work and I believe the opposition to me which has recently arisen was partly due to the fact that I favored doing nothing, for the present anyway, that would seem as if we were more interested in party success than the nation's welfare."

"As chairman of the Democratic national committee, I shall, of course, hold the new administration to a strict accountability for all of its acts. I am planning the closest kind of cooperation between the Democratic national committee and the leaders of the Democratic minority in both houses of congress, with the objective of helping frame constructive legislation on great issues as they arise and with the object of referring to the country in 1922 and 1924 all the suggestions of constructive policy that will have been made so that the nation may compare them with what has been done."

G. O. F. HELD TO BLAME "I hope Mr. Harding will be able to give us a definite and constructive policy, because the chaotic condition now is a direct result of the negative attitude which the Republicans unfortunately took after they secured control of both the house and senate in the 1918 election. For instance, in the oil business it has been known by those who study statistics that we are dependent on our exportation of crude oil and by-products. The failure of the country of America for Americans or political isolation has been rapidly developed by the fall in the price of crude oil and in the decline of the purchasing ability of the pipe line companies.

"Foreign countries are not buying because they cannot afford to pay the difference in international exchange and that difference is due to unstable conditions and the apparent return of the United States to a policy of political isolation which I fear may become economic isolation. For instance, in the oil business it has been known by those who study statistics that we are dependent on our exportation of crude oil and by-products. The failure of the country of America for Americans or political isolation has been rapidly developed by the fall in the price of crude oil and in the decline of the purchasing ability of the pipe line companies.

COMMITTEE BEHIND HIM Mr. White talked about the oil business because he is engaged in it himself, but he added that it was simply an illustration of the need that America has of foreign markets. The Democratic chairman stated emphatically that if America had entered the League of Nations, confidence would have been substituted in Europe for the present era of uncertainty.

However, he insisted that everything was now in Mr. Harding's hands and that the nation would surely approve any solution that brought America back to the position of friendship which she had with other powers during the war and one that would assist in improving economic conditions at home.

Mr. White's convictions about the necessity of cooperating with the incoming administration instead of organizing a political drive for 1922 or 1924 are shared by most of the Democratic committee members in town. For the next

Pair Who Interred Woman in Garden 'Dementia Victims'

Chicago, Feb. 19.—(I. N. S.)—Mrs. Ruth Acheson Townsend and her daughter, Marian Townsend, who buried Mrs. Nancy Chamberlain, mother of Mrs. Townsend, in the garden of their home, were declared victims of dementia praecox today by Dr. William J. Hickson, director of the municipal psychopathic laboratory.

Dr. Hickson spent several hours today testing the mentality of the two women. He declared they were both suffering from overdevelopment of the intellectual side of their natures, to the utter neglect of the emotional side. Neither, he said, is dangerous.

State Chamber Asks Immediate Passage Of Tariff on Wool

Passage of an emergency tariff measure for wool was urged in a message sent to President Wilson today by the State Chamber of Commerce in behalf of Jay H. Dobson, president of the Oregon Wool Growers' association, and F. J. Hagenbarth, president of the National Wool Growers' association.

The message says: "Conditions in the wool growing sections of the Northwest justify us in urging immediate action for an emergency tariff. Banks of the Northwest refuse additional loans, due to the present price of wool with the bulk of last year's clip still on hand."

O-W.R. & N. Employees Boost Prune Week

Employees of the O-W. R. & N. entered heartily into the spirit of Oregon Prune week and among themselves bought more than two tons of the product, according to George Koch, president of the O-W. R. & N. Employees' club. Under lists with the proclamation of the governor attached were circulated among members of the club during the week.

Indian Policeman's Record Saves Him

John Palmer, uniformed policeman from the Klamath Indian reservation, told Judge Rossmat what a good record he had chasing bootleggers on the reservation and saved himself from a sentence to the city jail. Palmer was arrested on a north coast report on a charge of disorderly conduct after he is said to have partaken freely of moonshine. He told the court he had a 30-day leave of absence and came to Portland to "rest." He was released on promise that he would go back to work and keep out of trouble.

Over Mountain Trip Without Difficulty

Medford, Or., Feb. 19.—En route home by automobile in two large cars from Los Angeles, Mrs. and Mrs. J. B. Woodward and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gerking of Adams, Or., and Mrs. J. N. B. Gerking of Bend, Or., arrived in Medford at 6 o'clock Thursday evening, having made the trip across the mountains from Gazelle, Cal., without chains or trouble beyond stopping at one place on the Oregon side and shoveling a wider path through the snow to allow another car to pass.

Pasco Ferry Purchased

Pasco, Wash., Feb. 19.—The ferry crossing the Columbia river between this city and Kennewick, operated by James Gavin, has been sold to Ray Rosenkrantz and R. Vesey of Richland.

CARUSO DROWING, BUT HIS NOT YET OUT OF DANGER

New York, Feb. 19.—(I. N. S.)—"Mr. Caruso has passed the best night that he has had since his relapse last Tuesday," was the word that came from the apartment of the famous tenor early today.

While the five physicians attending the singer were of the belief that he is recovering, they would not pronounce him out of danger today. It was said there is still possibility of another relapse. If Caruso holds the gains he has made until after next Tuesday, it was declared to be fairly certain that he will recover, however.

Each three or four days the singer was resting so easily that he told his doctors he would not need them any more during the night. Two of them were with him at Pasco.

Homesteader to Face Charge Who Tired of Woman

Grants Pass, Or., Feb. 19.—Held on a state charge as the result of statements made by Hazel Wilson, 29 years old, who alleges she lived with him for four and a half years without the formality of marriage, Wesley Atteberry faces the threat of federal action. Miss Wilson charged that Atteberry was about to oust her from the homestead on which they have been living near Grants Pass.

District Attorney Miller has reported to the federal authorities Miss Wilson's assertion that Atteberry had claimed desert classification as a married man. He also referred to them her statement that she and Atteberry traveled together from Pasco to Grants Pass, via Seattle, by truck.

The best catch of coyotes reported in Josephine county for many months is credited to a party of hunters from Murphy. Friday he presented the pelts of nine of the varmints at the office of the county clerk to collect the bounty which he had announced. The coyotes were caught in steel traps and it is probable that they were driven down out of the mountains by the deep snows.

Members of the county court went over the highway between Grants Pass and Wolf Creek Wednesday and report Smith hill is now in a most favorable condition as it has been at any time during the winter. Once when they got out of the channel with their car it was necessary to call upon the teamsters retained there by the highway department to tow them to shore.

Oriental Lectured, Fined, Sentenced; They Will Appeal

Municipal Judge Rossmat astonished a goodly gathering of Orientals appearing in his court this morning on charges of being behind barred doors, when he delivered a severe lecture, a jail sentence and fine to each.

The judge, in dealing with the cases which brought so much grief to the Orientals, stated that he would adhere strictly to his policy of imposing jail sentences whenever a mixture of races was found in raids on Chinatown gambling dens.

Five Chinamen and one Japanese from 77 North Fourth street were fined \$25 each and sentenced to 10 days in jail. Eighteen Orientals from 73 North Fourth street received fines of \$10 and a day in jail. In each case the alleged offenders pleaded not guilty and gave notice of appeal.

Woman on Way to Collect ex-Mate's Note Is Mistreated

Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 19.—Mystery surrounds the finding of Mrs. Mabel Carmichael of Seattle, the divorced wife of George Carmichael of this city, wandering about a wheat field near the Dry Creek school, 18 miles south of here near Weston, Or. She is at the home of Dr. S. L. Kennard of Weston, her uncle.

Clatsop County Tax Is \$300,000 Above Tax for Last Year

Astoria, Feb. 19.—The tax roll for Clatsop county, as completed by Assessor Linenweber Friday is the biggest in the history of the county, the total being \$1,964,552.19, \$345,569.53 in excess of that of the previous year. Some of the tax levying bodies kept their levies down to the amount of the former year, while others, notably some of the road districts, made their levies lower.

Huge Transformer At O. A. C. Biggest On Pacific Coast

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 19.—The highest voltage 60-cycle electrical transformer on the Pacific coast is in operation in the laboratory of the electrical engineering department of O. A. C. It weighs 15,000 pounds. The transformer has a capacity of 50,000 volts and is used in experiments by students for determining the breaking point of porcelain and other insulators for high tension work and also for testing all kinds of electrical insulations.

The possibility of creating a second Niagara at The Dalles, and applying this energy to the production of nitric acid for the West, was pointed out by the Chemical Engineering society by E. E. Loughrey of Payette, Idaho, a junior in chemical engineering.

Montana Students At O. A. C. Organize Club; Name Officers

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 19.—A Montana club has been organized at the college, with Arthur Wakefield of Forsyth as president; Martha Davis, Roseman, vice president; and Jewell Godfrey, Helena, secretary-treasurer. The "Montana" staff is represented by 22 students.

More students at the college are being added to the ranks of the wearers of eyeglasses each day. Records from the women's physical education department show that, although a girl's eyes may be normal when she enters college, she is often compelled to wear glasses for studying before completing her college course. This is said to be due to the large amount of reading.

Russel M. Adams, a new member of the general staff, is in charge of the rehabilitation men registered in commerce and agriculture. Adams has been transferred from the district office in Seattle. He is a graduate of Washington State college of 1918.

Two at Roseburg Win Leniency on Pleas of Guilty

Roseburg, Or., Feb. 19.—Floyd Belt of Glendale, Indiana, on a charge of robbery in the Boomtown hill section near Myrtle creek. The dispute was over a homestead right. The judge fined Johnson \$100, but suspended the fine.

In the drive for farm bureau members in Douglas county 25 were secured in Canyonville and Riddle exceeded the quota by 12 members. The work of pushing the marketing campaign for wool and mohair is progressing rapidly also and more than 5000 sheep were signed up Friday in the Dixonville district.

Dinner Is Goal of Tree Planting by Rival Communities

Boardman, Or., Feb. 19.—The leading community enterprise in the Boardman district is tree planting. In the hope that every farm will have trees on at least two sides before the end of the season.

Hermiston heard about it and the Commercial club of that place came forward with a challenge that Hermiston would plant more trees this season than Boardman, offering a dinner if they lost. The challenge was accepted and the race is well under way.

Dallas War Bride Ill But Few Hours, Passes in Hospital

Dallas, Or., Feb. 19.—Mrs. Lillie Wilkerson, aged 29, died at the Dallas hospital Friday after an illness of a few hours. She was the wife of H. M. Wilkerson, whom she married in London, England, in 1918, while he was serving in the Canadian army. She came to America with her husband on an English transport upon his return from the war. Her parents are a number of brothers and sisters reside in London. Mrs. Wilkerson is survived by her husband and an infant son.

Word has been received in this city of the death at South Tacoma, Wash., of Mrs. Alfred Coon, aged 70, the late widow of Anderson, daughter of N. Anderson, of this city. Her husband and two small sons survive.

Faces Charge of Setting Fire in National Forest

Marshfield, Or., Feb. 19.—Alonso Dole, a homesteader of the Siuslaw country, who has been locating settlers on this section of the state was arrested at Coquille and taken this morning by Deputy United States Marshal Swetland to Portland to face a charge of setting fires in timber. He was indicted by the federal grand jury.

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The principal increases were: State tax, \$18,000,000; the millage tax for educational purposes, two years taxes being charged; naval base site purchase, \$100,000; civic center commission, \$33,000; Astoria school district, \$30,000 to pay advances in teachers salaries; City of Astoria and reclamation commission, \$20,000; city of Seaside, \$12,000; Seaside school district, \$10,000.

RAILROADS AND LABOR PREPARE FOR FINISH FIGHT

Chicago, Feb. 19.—(I. N. S.)—"A 'finish fight' between the railroads and their employees over the issue of collective bargaining seemed inevitable today as railroads prepared to announce wage reductions for laborers and the heads of railway labor unions marshaled their strength for a bitter fight to prevent wage cuts.

Railway executives today had definitely rejected collective bargaining as a method of arriving at wage scales. The plea of B. M. Jewell, president of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, for conferences to discuss rules and working conditions, was flatly rejected by the American Association of Railway Executives. More than 100 railway heads from all parts of the country attended the conference, at which decision was reached to decline to participate in such a conference.

Two Children Eat Potted Ham and Die

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 19.—(I. N. S.)—Ralph and Francis Luckie, 8 and 6 years old, respectively, are dead today as a result of eating potted ham sandwiches while their mother, Mrs. R. W. Luckie, was asleep. Hungry from playing, the children did not wish to disturb their mother. Ralph took the can of ham from a shelf and made the sandwiches.

Surgeon Asks Funds To Combat Typhus

Washington, Feb. 19.—(I. N. S.)—Surgeon General Cummings of the public health service today asked congress for an emergency appropriation of \$200,000 to prevent the further introduction of typhus into New York and to treat and check the spread of the disease already admitted.

Go Straight, Bandit Warns Last Hold-Up His Undoing

Harrison, Ark., Feb. 19.—(I. N. S.)—"Go straight." This was the message which went from the possible death bed of Henry Starr, the final ending of whose colorful career of banditry hung in the balance today, to his son, Henry Starr, Jr. in Oklahoma City, Okla. Physicians and surgeons fought today to save the life of the picturesque bank robber, whose name is probably as well known in the Southwest as that of Jesse James and the notorious Dalton boys, that he might be returned to the Oklahoma penitentiary to finish an unexpired term from which he was paroled.

BREAKS HIS PAROLE The parole was broken yesterday, when Starr, with three companions, attempted to rifle the Peoples bank here. Posses searched the woods five miles south of Harrison for the three confederates who escaped in an automobile after Starr was shot down by W. J. Meyers, a director of the bank. The three bandits were believed surrounded.

Bolling Exonerated By Walsh Committee

Washington, Feb. 19.—(I. N. S.)—Chairman Walsh of the Walsh committee investigating the shipping board this afternoon issued a statement exonerating R. W. Bolling from charges made against him before the committee. The committee is of the opinion that R. W. Bolling is not guilty of soliciting any bribe, gift or gratuity, as charged by Tucker J. Sands, in connection with the contract of the Downey Shipbuilding corporation.

Premier's Secretary Is Elected to Seat

London, Feb. 19.—(I. N. S.)—Captain Ernest Evans, one of Lloyd George's secretaries, has been elected to parliament by a majority of 2590 over his opponent, Lewellyn Williams, an Asquith candidate, it was announced today.

SMITH AND KING TAKE ALL STOCK IN AUTO BUS CO.

All stock of the Tyrell Trips company, which has been operating sightseeing auto buses in Portland for many years, was transferred from Frank L. Shepard to Dorsey B. Smith and E. L. King Thursday, and plans are being made by the new owners of the company to operate a network of trips over this section of the state.

The new owners of the company are planning to give their auto bus business their personal attention and have adopted for their slogan: "A week in Portland for every visitor." The company will arrange a trip for tourists every day of the week.

Comedian, Totally Blind, Turns Down Big Sums to Work

Providence, R. I., Feb. 19.—(U. P.)—Ben Welch, comedian, appeared on the stage at a matinee today poorer, of his own volition, by \$10,000 lump sum and a life income of \$75 a week, which he recently became totally blind, could have had today poorer, of his own volition, by \$10,000 lump sum and a life income of \$75 a week if he remained idle the rest of his life. Rather than submit to blindness, Welch publicly burned the policy.

For the benefit of singers and public speakers a New York voice specialist has invented apparatus to indicate the lack of oxygen in a person's system.

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