

HARDING TURNS TO JOB OF FIXING UP HIS PARTY FENCES

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Washington, Jan. 5.—The emphasis

has turned again from international to national questions or rather from external to internal matters. President Harding has started the new year with his mind fixed on straightening out as far as possible the economic situation which confronts his administration, in the hope that the next few months will provide some cure which will help the Republicans retain control of congress in the fall elections.

Although the cabinet spent the greater part of Tuesday's session discussing the part America should play in the world economic conference being talked about in Europe, the policy in the minds of all, no matter how divergent the suggestions may be, was that the United States should not assume the leadership or take the initiative, but should examine carefully any proposals made to her by foreign countries.

Meanwhile the calling of an agricultural conference by Secretary Wallace, the consideration of a new tariff act which shall give the president plenty of discretion to fix rates as conditions change, pressure got power from congress to arrange for a refunding of the allied war debt and the unique situation which has arisen in the senate finance committee through the death of Senator Penrose, have brought about a general situation which for the moment far overshadows the arms conference.

Mr. Harding, whose hopes were high at the outset because he believed other nations were as disinterested as America, because he thought other peoples were as anxious about world peace as Americans, now comes reluctantly to the conclusion that in place of Germany, other obstructionists have arisen in world affairs and that the arms conference has done well to achieve what it has. He refuses to look upon the conference as a failure, though his disappointment over the French refusal to permit an agreement on submarine is undisguised and pointed. France for a long time to come will feel the effects of her attitude at the Washington conference.

Within two or three weeks the conference will have passed into history. In keeping with his policy from the beginning, Mr. Harding has let Secretary Hughes wrestle with the international questions and now is concentrating more than ever on the situation in congress. When it became apparent

that Senator McCumber of North Dakota was next in line to Senator Penrose as chairman of the all-important finance committee, there were no loud cheers from the White House. Much has been written from Washington about the meaning of Mr. McCumber's ascendancy. It has been described as the transfer of political power from the East to the West, the triumph of the agricultural bloc.

MUST CONSIDER ELECTION
But the significance of Mr. McCumber's sudden leap into the most powerful place in the senate is broader than that, for the North Dakota senator is not owned body and soul by the agricultural bloc; he is not one of its prime movers, although he has gone along with that group on many questions in the senate. Mr. McCumber has a fight for the reelection in North Dakota next autumn which has more of a relationship to his position on national matters than appears on the surface.

In his day Mr. McCumber has been a straight Republican, something of a "standpatter" and regular, and intimate friend of President Taft. Later he espoused the Wilson cause on the League of Nations and stood alone on the Republican side. His colleagues in the senate, Mr. Gronna, was defeated because he was not radical enough to suit the Non-Partisan league which supported the now Senator Ladd. Now Mr. Gronna has turned somewhat to the conservative side of things and looks for support mostly from the elements which are apparently on top in North Dakota, as the recent defeat of the Non-Partisan league in state elections would indicate but Mr. McCumber, originally a regular and a conservative, flirted a bit with the Non-Partisan league six years ago and was elected by a comfortable majority. His dilemma today is therefore this: Shall he lean toward the radical, stick closer to the agricultural bloc and make a bid for the Non-Partisan league vote in North Dakota, or shall he follow the trend of the recent elections and cut the ground, so to speak, from his opponents. Mr. Gronna is swinging himself to the conservative Republican side.

WAT PLAN ADMINISTRATION
If Mr. McCumber adopts the latter course he is more than likely to have behind him the full fight of the Harding administration in his campaign for his election. His chairmanship of the finance committee would in those circumstances help him win him prestige and support in his home state. If he goes along with the administration he will then be able to make the usual argument made by senators as to their special value to a state because of an important chairmanship.

It is a fact that thus far Mr. McCumber has been somewhat of a thorn in the side of the Harding administration. He joined hands with the agricultural bloc last summer, and tried to force the soldier bonus to the front, notwithstanding a request from the executive that the matter be pigeon-holed and was on account of Mr. McCumber's present persistence that President Harding found

it necessary to address the senate in person on the bonus question.
If Mr. McCumber gets the chairmanship of the finance committee and doesn't really become an administration spokesman and supporter, but an opponent, the chances would be against his getting administration support in North Dakota. Should he be defeated, Senator Smoot of Utah, admittedly one of the most capable men in the senate in this generation, would automatically become chairman of the finance committee. If it did not disturb the whole scheme of seniority of committees Mr. Smoot would get the job now, for he is the real choice of the administration. The disposition of the administration, however, is not to antagonize McCumber at this time, but to assume that he will "play ball."

TEST TO BE MADE
The test will come at once on the permanent tariff bill which will be considered and passed in the next few months. To the extent that McCumber cooperates with the administration on that task will depend not only his own seat in the senate but a reconciliation of the agricultural bloc of the West and the Republicans of the manufacturing and banking East. McCumber's opportunity to mediate and harmonize are already being emphasized among Republican leaders, all of whom admit the situation is fraught with danger to the party as a whole.

THREE ARE IN HOSPITALS
Washougal, Wash., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Roy Dobbs is in Portland at W. G. Woodruff's hospital, being treated for an infection of the face. Mrs. H. Restroff was called to Portland Tuesday by the serious illness of her sister, who is at the St. Vincent's hospital. Mrs. Carrie Grillo's son Howard was operated on Monday at St. Joseph's hospital, Vancouver.

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