

TWO MEN HARDING AND WILSON, AFTER A YEAR REMAIN CENTER OF PUBLIC THOUGHT, EACH IN OWN WAY COMMANDING INTEREST

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Washington, March 3.—President Harding has weathered the storm of his first year in the White House and emerges in better health than when he was inaugurated.

Woodrow Wilson has serenely withstood the wearying effects of his infirmities during his first year as an ex-president, and enters his second year of retirement improved physically as compared with his condition a year ago.

The outstanding fact in Harding's first year in the White House has been the accomplishment of the administration in the international field. The outstanding feature of Wilson's year in retirement has been his absolute silence on both domestic and international issues, superintended by the fact that it was in the latter field that he suffered his political and physical decline.

STRIKING FIGURES LACKING At the end of one year, public interest still centers to a large degree in the personality of these two men. This is due, perhaps, to the lack of development of a striking figure in Congress or elsewhere in American political life.

Harding's activity has been devoted in unprecedented degree to developing a frontier and more hospitable atmosphere about the White House. Perhaps in the same time no president in history has received so many callers, has entertained at such elaborate functions, has shaken hands with so many individuals who swarmed to the executive office of "handshaking days."

These have tended to create throughout the country the belief that Harding is just a "Main street" president, a term which he employs to describe himself and one which he will seek to preserve by his acts. On the other hand, walls of silence have been thrown about the Wilson home.

CALLING LIST EXTENDED

For months the former president did not see half a dozen different people. His whole time and energy were devoted to building up his weakened body. In more recent months his calling list has been somewhat expanded. He goes riding almost daily. He attends a theater once or twice weekly. Small dinner parties have made their appearance at the Wilson home. He has written a political letter or two, dealing only in generalities. It is true, but manifesting his abiding interest in his country.

His health steadily improved until a month ago. His progress may be said to have stopped, although he looks better and is more active. He still suffers, however, from some of the aches which accompanied his condition in the last stages of the stroke in 1919. All of which makes for continued melancholy and anxiety within his family.

Harding's marriage, influenced by the political nature of his predecessor and by both made their way from the White House on inauguration day, has sought to make his work as easy and as pleasant as possible. He knows how to "play" and in this respect differs greatly from Wilson. Harding not only enjoys his games of golf but he also rides horseback, enjoys "callers" in the evening, and he and Mrs. Harding visit about town with friends. All this goes for relaxation and has contributed to the fact that Harding really has enjoyed his first year in the White House.

Nevertheless, perhaps the most striking change that has occurred in him since his election has been the serious, at times troubled reflection on the responsibilities that his office commands and the little the average man, including senators and representatives, appreciate this. When given to soliloquizing upon things in general, this note strikes sharply upon the ear of the listener.

This may be responsible for the first indications of a change in his attitude toward Congress. Recently he has sharply reminded Congress of his responsibilities, has revealed to Congress that it has tied his hands on important matters, and has intimated that the "to Congress" failure to follow his leadership.

At the outset of his term he stressed his information by making an strictly cooperative genial course with Congress, but Congress took advantage of this, which largely accounts for the fact that at the end of his first year the record of his achievements has in the international field rather than in the domestic.

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Miss Flapper—her name was not learned—was in an apartment store yesterday, her rolled down stockings appearing above her shoes.

Probably further north than the garden of Eden, snowed and frosted.

DYING YOUTH UNCONSCIOUS OF GALLOWS

Tied to Armchair Harvey Church Pays With Life for Dual Slaying; 43-Day Fast Ends on Trap; Calls for Mother and Father.

Chicago, March 3.—(U. P.)—Harvey Church, half dead from a hunger strike of 42 days, was taken from his cell and hanged at the Cook county jail at 3:54 p. m. today.

He paid with his life for the murder of two automobile salesmen whom he lured to his home and murdered with the object of obtaining possession of an expensive automobile.

As Church was carried to the gallows, a final plea to save him was made before Judge Scanlan. It was futile.

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He showed absolutely no signs of life as he was brought to the gallows and as the hood and rope were adjusted.

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The last legal card in the effort to save Church's life was played and lost this morning when his attorney asked for a 10 day stay of execution on humanitarian grounds. The court denied the motion.

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Success Now His, But Past Casts Shadow

He came to the United States 15 years ago from Greece. Through his industry and good fortune he built up fine coffee house and for-hire auto business. He prospered. Fellow countrymen in Portland, which he chose for his home, pointed him out as a success. Fathers in the Greek colony told their small sons, "When you grow up maybe you can be a rich man like him."

Sounds like the well known story of the poor immigrant boy making good in the new country, doesn't it? Gus Marinis was all of that. But there was something else. He was an escapee convict. Years ago in Greece, he was sent to jail for 10 years. After serving six or seven he escaped and came to America on a ticket obtained for him by a brother.

Today a shadow the past fell across his path and when he looked up he saw R. P. Bonham, chief immigration inspector here, who read to him an immigration statute which provided for deportation of a person convicted of a felony in the land of his birth.

What recommendation Bonham makes to immigration authorities will determine whether or not there is to be one less Greek restaurant proprietor in Portland.

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OREGON PORT PROJECTS WILL BE NEUTRAL IN HOUSE REPORT INDIANA FIGHT

Committee O. K. Given Columbia River Appropriation of \$1,750,000 and Coos Item of \$3,330,000; Other Oregon Sums Given

Washington, March 3.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Four new projects for Oregon are included in the river and harbor bill for the next fiscal year, which was reported to the house today by the committee on rivers and harbors. They are:

Columbia and lower Willamette rivers, dredge and contraction work to maintain a 20-foot channel at all seasons, sometimes called the million and three quarters project; Coos Bay harbor and isthmus slough, covering jetties and improvement of channel above Smith's mill, at an ultimate cost of about \$3,330,000; Willamette slough, in accordance with recommendations of engineers reported in last congress, subject to contribution of \$23,000 by local interests; Clatskanie river, to secure deep water to the main channel of the Columbia, estimated cost of \$400,000. The total appropriations for Pacific coast ports are about \$31,448,270.

The amount to be appropriated for these projects for the coming year is not fixed, and this now comes within the province of the appropriations committee, which will decide what sums shall be set aside for river and harbor improvement.

Surveys are directed for the Umpqua river, Tillamook bay and river, Silette river, bay and entrance, Deer Island slough and North Portland harbor, the latter with the view of securing a channel 300 feet wide and 25 feet deep from the interstate bridge to the main ship channel of the Columbia at the mouth of the Willamette, including consideration of local cooperation. The bill also carries the project for Crescent City harbor, modified to exclude the requirement that improvement shall be contingent upon construction of the railroad from that point to Grants Pass, the railroad being a wartime project which has since been abandoned.

Mrs. Joseph L. Hammersly, 249 East Fifteenth street, wife of deputy district attorney, contracted the face and head; perhaps fractured skull.

Miss Thelma Hammersly, 249 East Fifteenth street, lacerated limbs and throat, contusions.

Mrs. Walter D. Bealey, 710 East Madison street, daughter of Mrs. Hammersly, thrown bodily from the machine and badly shocked.

Thomas K. Campbell, realtor, 917 East Kelly street, slightly bruised.

Miss Eleanor Campbell, 917 East Kelly street, bruised.

The first three were occupants of a machine driven by Walter D. Bealey, who was driving on the highway. Bealey had brought the machine to a stop when an automobile directly in front of him became stalled.

Thomas K. Campbell, secretary of the (Continued on Page Twenty, Column Four)

ACCUSED BROKERS FLEE TO EUROPE

New York, March 3.—(U. P.)—Bucket shop brokers are fleeing by the score before the storm of the district attorney's investigation, it developed today.

Detectives searching the financial district for men wanted on grand jury indictments have found only empty offices in most instances. Of nearly 20 indictments to date, only six arrests have been made.

Defendant brokers—brokers indicted for grand larceny, brokers whose bucket shops have been protested and brokers who have reason to believe they may be prosecuted—all have folded up their gold certificates and stolen away in the night.

Nearly 100 detectives have been sent into Wall street to bring back brokers who have fled. They have found empty offices with perhaps only a janitor or an unpaid office boy, or maybe a ticket still taping out the market's fluctuations.

The fleeing brokers have gone, for the most part, to Europe. Ball has been \$50,000 in the hands of the men where the bucketters have been apprehended.

A little trip abroad is cheaper than the premium on such bail.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK BROKERS GO UNDER IN FINANCIAL CRASH

New York, March 3.—Announcement was made from the rooming of the New York Stock Exchange today of the failure of George W. Kendrick III & Co. of Philadelphia. The firm was admitted to the Stock Exchange on December 12, 1931.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States district court against Charles A. Bertrand & Co., brokers, in the month of the New York Stock Exchange today of the failure of George W. Kendrick III & Co. of Philadelphia. The firm was admitted to the Stock Exchange on December 12, 1931.

Rev. L. M. Boozer, Student Pastor, in Demand in Pulpit

Corvallis, March 3.—Student pastors at the Pennsylvania State college and University of Texas and the regular pastorate at the student church of the University of Illinois are open to the work of Rev. Mr. Boozer of the Corvallis Presbyterian church. Dr. Lampe, national university secretary of the Presbyterian board of education, who terms the work of Rev. Mr. Boozer as the best of any student pastor in the United States, notified the latter of the offers, which are being considered.

Senator Not Called Names, Kenyon Says

Washington, March 3.—(U. P.)—A denial that he had referred to Senator Newberry as "Judge Iscariot" or as a "traitor" in the speech he made Tuesday before the University of Missouri, was telegraphed by Judge William S. Kenyon today to Senators Spencer and Reed of Missouri.

Girls' Polytechnic School Is Unsafe, Fire Marshal Says

Warnings that the Girls' Polytechnic school is unsafe, that the upper floors of all frame school buildings should not be used, and that the motion picture machines in many high schools are fire hazards, are contained in communications received by the school board from Edward Grenfell, fire marshal, and E. E. Plummer, building inspector, according to Director George B. Thomas, chairman of the board.

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Weatherford remained stolidly silent during the inquisition. The police have not filed any charges against him, but detained him to explain a remark he was quoted as having made at Rick's news stand at Fourth and Morrison streets a few minutes before his arrest: "No, not that paper—I want the one with the item about the church shooting. I want it for my buddy. He did the shooting."

LOOK FOR "BUDDY" It is to learn who this "buddy" may be that the inquiry was being pushed. The man who actually did the shooting was described as being rather slightly built. Weatherford is of stocky frame.

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Primin was wounded in the back. He had stepped from the pay car and was about to enter the Triffin company office with the payroll when the bandit, wearing a mask, stepped behind a distinctive mask of yellow, strove from an area-way and shot him down.

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ROBBERS GET CHECKS

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Loan Sharks Barred By Bonus Amendment

Washington, March 3.—(U. P.)—"Loan sharks" would not have a chance to make any money out of the insurance certificates which congress proposes to turn over to the ex-soldiers in lieu of a cash bonus, under a proposed amendment to the compensation bill, which provides that provisions be made for acceptance of the certificates only by national banks, state banks and trust companies.

House Votes Money For Departments

Washington, March 3.—(U. P.)—Without a record vote, the house today passed the second deficiency appropriation bill, carrying \$108,415,287 to the government departments over until July 1. The biggest item in the bill is \$35,368,112 for the veterans' bureau, and there are appropriations of \$8,000,000 as the first payment to Colombia under the treaty of 1914; and approximately \$5,000,000 as an additional fuel allowance for the navy.

Suffrage for Korea Is Demand in Diet

Tokyo, March 3.—(U. P.)—A resolution sponsored by the Seiyu-Kai, or majority party, introduced in the diet today, asks that the preliminary steps necessary to granting suffrage to Koreans be taken at once. This move is a part of the government preparation to include Korea as a part of the empire proper and when completed will sound the death knell to the remaining hopes of Korea for independence.

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