

HARDING FIGHTS PROPOSED CUT IN ARMY AND NAVY

By Robert J. Hesser. United News Staff Correspondent. (Copyright, 1922, by United News) Washington, March 4.—President Harding is both concerned and irritated at the attitude of congress in slashing the funds for maintaining the American army and navy.

There is every indication that the executive end of the avenue is in for a showdown with congress on the whole subject. As the president views it, there seems to be in the words of highest authority, "an impression among many that some new moment of heavenly bestowed peace was ours."

WHY DANGER SEEN. This, as high officials see it, is a dangerous frame of mind for congress or the country to embrace.

The president is in no mood to yield to those carrying economy to the point where he will countenance "going to extremes."

With all his hopes of what the future may effect with the arms conference as a basis, he does not believe that we have reached the stage where we can be perfectly secure without adequate armed forces.

As he looks at the situation, the pacifist and economy propagandists have created a state of mind in the country, threatening maintenance of such adequate forces.

And his personal view, which either has been or will be communicated to congress at the proper time, is that he will not approve any measures which leave the nation with merely a skeleton of defense in its army and navy branches.

The president has set 60,000 men as the minimum for safety in the navy, despite efforts of congress to reduce the figure to 40,000. The army, he believes, should not be reduced below 120,000 men, though the house appropriations committee has threatened to reduce the present strength from 170,000 to 115,000 or less.

Secretary of War Weeks and Secretary of the Navy Denby have now entered the fray with Harding against the congressional campaign for economy. Harding and the cabinet apparently believe that Chairman Madden of the house appropriations committee is attempting to usurp not only executive authority, but also demerits congress.

OPERATIONS GO AHEAD. There is, therefore, the greatest significance in the fact that after Secretary Denby had decided to issue orders stopping fleet movements because Madden's committee curtailed appropriations for fuel oil, he changed his mind after Friday's cabinet meeting and is going ahead with all necessary fleet operations, despite further warning against increasing further disbursements.

Orders trying up the fleets are not going to be sent out and necessary decisions will be issued "until congress, as it is, has indicated its position," the highest naval official says.

In other words, the navy is not going to act merely on the decision of the house appropriations committee as it has in the past.

Meantime Secretary Weeks, on a visit trip in the South, has issued a statement that the house committee's decision to slash from \$45,000,000 to \$40,000,000 from the war department's appropriations would mean a decrease of at least 20,000 men in the army and the closing of camps and flying fields in the country.

COMPLETE CHANGE POSSIBLE. Both Weeks and the president are opposed to this, which, he believes, would certainly result from reducing the army to 120,000 or under.

Harding takes the position that until the national guard is organized and trained as a dependable emergency force to reduce the army under 130,000 men would be to weaken it beyond the safety point. He is not in favor of some reduction of the commissioned personnel.

The whole situation is an interesting outgrowth of congress seeking to take everything in its own hands. The fight may bring about that complete change in attitude of the president toward congress, indications of which have been evident for some weeks.

Rules for Railroad Workers Announced By U. S. Labor Board

Chicago, March 4.—Rules and working conditions for railroad telegraphers, telephone men, telegraphers, levermen, block operators and staff men were issued today by the United States labor board. Approximately 80,000 men are affected by the decision which becomes effective on March 15.

The decision decrees a basic 8-hour day with pro-rata overtime pay for the ninth hour and time and a half pay after the ninth hour. Hereafter, the men have been getting time and a half for the ninth hour and all over.

Work on Sundays and holidays shall be paid for at pro-rata rates of pay where such work is for full day periods and is necessary to be performed on those days. Three hours pay is allowed for two hours work on call or emergency.

Women Dodge Jury Duty; 2 Men Freed

Baker, March 4.—Mack Duke and Dave Phillips, held in the county jail for eight months on statutory charges, were freed of the charges Thursday because under present laws cases of this nature must be tried before a jury composed partly of women. Inability to get women to serve and the uncertainty of convicting the men led to dismissal of the cases.

Counterclaim, Russ Plan to Pay Debts

X-Ray to Determine Extent of Injuries To Mrs. Hammerly

Whether Mrs. Joseph L. Hammerly, 249 East Fifteenth street, wife of Deputy District Attorney Hammerly, received a fractured skull Thursday evening when an outboard Woodstock street car struck an automobile in which she was riding on Hawthorne bridge, will be determined by an X-ray examination today, according to physicians at the Good Samaritan hospital.

Mrs. Hammerly was at first thought to be only slightly injured, but when she lapsed into unconsciousness an hour after the accident, accompanied by bleeding from the ears, it was held possible that she suffered a fracture of the base of the skull. The victim of the accident rested comfortably Friday, and attempts made last night held little doubt of recovery.

Miss Thelma Hammerly, 1243 East Fifteenth street, and Mrs. W. D. Beasley, 118 East Madison street, Mrs. Hammerly's daughters, who were slightly injured in the crash, are said to be recovering.

Traditions Broken; 800 Americans See Sultan at Prayers

Special Cable to The Journal and Chicago Daily (Copyright, 1922) Constantinople, March 4.—Eight hundred American tourists aboard the steamship Empress of Scotland upset the traditions of the Ottoman court where before only a few very distinguished travelers specially recommended by their respective embassies had permission to witness the sultan's "Salamah" or Friday prayers, when the monarch, accompanied by all the ministers and high dignitaries in full uniform, goes from the palace to the mosque to make his devotions.

This year, in response to the request of the high commissioner that a few Americans be permitted to witness the parade, the marshal of the court informed American embassy that the Sultan would welcome all Americans who would care to come to the ceremony. As the specially built pavilion is too small to admit a large crowd, the sultan ordered the gates of the imperial gardens to be opened in order to accommodate the 800 odd tourists.

Coffin and casket ceremonies were served to all. At the end of the ceremony the following message was conveyed to the tourists: "I am pleased to see the presence of 800 Americans. He was greatly pleased to see them and delighted to give them hospitality on the palace grounds."

Major Accused of Insulting National Guard Is Promoted

Washington, March 4.—(I. N. S.)—After a bitter fight behind closed doors the senate today confirmed the nomination of Major Robert G. Peck to be one of the regular army. The vote was 41 to 19.

Peck's promotion had been held up for months on account of the strenuous fight of senators from Missouri and Kansas, who charged that Peck "insulted" the Thirty-third division (National Guard) during the war by making unwarranted and unjust accusations against it.

Four Railroads Cut Westbound Rates to Assist Homeseekers

Chicago, March 4.—(U. P.)—Four railroads today announced a reduction on railroad fares to Western points for homeseekers. Twice each month rates of one fare plus \$2 for round trip will be made to homeseekers.

The transportation will be good for 31 days with liberal allowances for stopovers. The cut will go into effect March 15, and will apply to the routes of the Northwestern, Milwaukee, Burlington and Rock Island.

Balfour Is Made Knight of Garter

London, March 4.—Arthur James Balfour, lord president of the British privy council and head of the British delegation to the armament conference at Washington, was made a knight of the garter Friday. He is the first entitled commoner to receive a knight of the garter since the reign of George I. Mr. Balfour has been offered titles on several occasions, but has heretofore refused to accept the high court honors.

Northwest Phone Hearing Is Fixed

Washington, March 4.—The interstate commerce commission today set for hearing at Olympia, March 9, the joint application of the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone company and the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. The hearing will be before the Oregon public service commission and the department of public works of Washington.

Rosewater to Handle Publicity for Fair

Philadelphia, March 4.—Announcement was made Friday of the appointment of Victor Rosewater, widely known newspaper man and former publisher of the Omaha Bee, as director of publicity for the forthcoming sesquicentennial exposition to be held in this city.

J. H. Hitchings Dies, After Long Illness

John Henry Hitchings for many years practicing attorney in Portland, died at his home, 210 Jackson street, Friday night after a lingering illness. He was 83 years old and had resided here since 1912. He claimed street ownership in King Henry VII of England.

'NEWBERRY ISSUE' TO BE CENTER OF MICHIGAN FIGHT

Washington, March 4.—(U. P.)—The "Newberry issue" will be fought out within the ranks of the Republican party at the forthcoming congressional primary in Senator Newberry's home state of Michigan.

Representative Patrick Kelly, from the Sixth Michigan district, today announced his candidacy for the Republican senatorial nomination against Senator Townsend, incumbent, and in a statement made plain he intends to make the expenditure of large sums of the money by the Newberry forces the outstanding issue. Townsend supported Newberry in the fight to expel him from the senate because of expenditures in the Newberry-Ford campaign.

Striking directly at the arguments of the Newberry supporters in the senate who claimed the senate did not know of the expenditures and that there was no financial corruption, Kelly said: "Michigan must not accept the doctrine advocated by some that it is used for corrupt purposes. Now is the time for Michigan to condemn this proposition."

Kelly, former lieutenant governor of Michigan, has been an independent and progressive Republican. He has been in congress for nine years and now is in charge of new appropriations. He is one of the few house Republicans who voted against the Knox peace resolution during the fight against Woodrow Wilson and made a vigorous speech against it.

Will Revise Prohibition Law Machinery in Southern California

Los Angeles, March 4.—(I. N. S.)—Southern California dry enforcement machinery will undergo a complete reorganization under the direction of A. F. Manning, new dry chief for this territory, who today succeeded Robert C. Avery, who has forwarded his resignation to Commissioner Haynes at Washington.

The new director will devise new methods of trapping the elusive bootlegger and courts will be asked to improve the law. Manning has been in the past. The brunt of enforcing the law will be placed upon the shoulders of the Los Angeles police, according to Commissioner Haynes.

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Profits Too Big to Warrant Wage Cuts, Says Labor Survey

Washington, March 4.—A large portion of the nation's industries have concluded a prosperous year and pleas for wage cuts are unjust, an official review of big corporations' earnings compiled by the American Federation of Labor stated today.

The survey charges that: Railroad earnings increased in 1921 over 1920. Annual profits in retail stores and railroad equipments were enormous. Several steel companies showed huge earnings.

Many big corporations declared starting dividends and made big increases in working capital. "This does not represent a picture of the entire industrial field," the survey adds. "Many companies lost money during the last year, but a great many have saved money."

"The plea for wage reductions is baseless." The survey contends the Delaware, Lackawanna Western railroad company's earnings for the year ended in its history. Industries furnishing equipment to railroads made unusual profits. Baldwin Locomotive earned \$5,000,000 net for common stock, or \$29.81 a share. Other large earnings reported are: United Fruit company reported earnings of \$125,000,000 from American sources. The Kresge company declared a 54 per cent stock dividend. The Woolworth company makes \$1,000,000 for surplus after all charges and cash dividends, increasing its working capital \$10,000,000.

The survey quotes Wall street authorities for proof that "tobacco manufacturers had a prosperous year. Associated Dry Goods reported a 10 per cent increase per year; United Fruit company earnings picked up 15 per cent over the previous year; Corn Products earnings better than the year ending in 1921. Alleged official statements of the companies were cited.

Grand Jury Gives O.K. to Management of Jail, Poor Farm

The management of the county farm, county jail, the Cedars and Kelly Butte are all approved by the February Multnomah county grand jury, which handed in its final report today and was dismissed. The report was signed by Mrs. Isabella Mackie, first woman foreman of a grand jury in the state.

The grand jury considered 45 cases during the month. It returned 30 indictments, 10 not true bills, and left five cases for the next grand jury.

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Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, March 4.—An ancient alarm clock, connected with the college class whistle, caused a full 20-minute class Friday morning about 1 o'clock. This signal is generally a sign that freshmen are staging a rally—an event forbidden to "rooks." Shears, clippers and wooden paddles were carried by scores of sophomores, who left their beds and appeared on the campus in various stages of undress. The clock was so set that it released a spring upon a mouse trap, which in turn trapped a platform containing two bricks. The bricks were tied to the whistle string in such a manner that even the night watchman could not figure out the arrangement. No rooks were found in sight.

Two Are Arrested In Shooting Inquiry; Sisters Witnesses

Seattle, March 4.—(U. P.)—Lawrence Erickson, 21, logger, and J. C. Harland, 21, machinist, were arrested today following the mysterious shooting of their automobile companion, Cyrus W. Wright, who is believed to be dying at the Swedish hospital.

According to the original stories told the police, Wright was shot by a "bandit" who stopped their automobile near Richmond Highlands at about 3:30 a. m. These stories, however, were refuted by two sisters, Harland and Beatrice Innes, 16 and 19, who were with the party at the time, and after an investigation the arrests were made.

The two sisters, both comely and said to be art models, have been taken to the scene of the shooting by deputy sheriffs in an effort to corroborate their statements.

Beatrice, the elder sister, says she was alone with Wright at the time of the shooting. "We had stopped to go into a little shack in the woods," she told police, "and we were just about to enter when a shot rang out and Cy fell, groaning."

"I screamed and Erickson and Harland came running to me from the automobile which had left town. They found he wasn't dead they picked him up and carried him back to the car and drove him to hospital. I don't know if he is settled. Had the fire at Holladay school occurred at any other hour of the day than it did, we would have been equally protected."

Canton Government Behind Dock Strike, Say Ship's Officers

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