

PRESIDENT IMPATIENT AT CONGRESS FOR CONTINUED DELAYS TO WIELD AUTHORITY VIGOROUSLY BY FREQUENT USE OF BIG STICK

By Robert J. Bender... Starting his second year, the president is manifesting every evidence of impatience at irritating delays...

Washington, March 8.—President Harding for the first time since he entered the White House is testatively feeling the heat of the so-called "big stick" used by former Presidents Roosevelt and Wilson in influencing congress and the public.

It is significant, therefore, that he has let it be officially known, in no uncertain language for the guidance of congress that:

1. The president will not deputize Secretary Hughes to appear as a witness on the matter before the senate foreign relations committee...

2. Regarding resolutions bearing on the treaties before the senate, the president believes responsibility entirely with senators. He holds the executive branch of the government "has done the best it could in working out the results accomplished and will not lobby, trade, supplicate or admonish."

3. As to the bonus question, the president has not studied the revised proposals and means bill reported out Tuesday. Without discussing its merits, the president stands today as he stood when he introduced the subject—funds for the bonus should be raised by a sales tax, or the legislation should be postponed.

4. For the benefit of those within his cabinet who have become embroiled in differences over details of working out departments in the interest of greater coordination and economy, the president has indicated his course of action with respect to Alaska administration, noting a most question between Secretaries Fall and Wallace.

Without advancing any definite program on what should be done the president declared today that the factor of a termination of conflicting authority in the territory "to put an end to a system paralyzing development there."

On the surface at least, that would seem to mean that the president will fall in the present row growing out of disposition of the forestry service.

Democrat Quarters Buzz With Rumor That Former President Is Quietly Aiding Senator in Fight Against 4-Power Treaty

Washington, March 8.—Democratic circles buzzed today with gossip concerning reports which were "permitted" to leak out that former President Wilson wishing the treaty rejected, was cooperating with Senator Borah instead of with Democratic senators.

Recent reports that Wilson was defeating efforts of the treaty's opponents were denied by Senators Pat Harrison of Mississippi, Carter Glass of Virginia and other prominent Democratic leaders.

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Gulls Beat Weatherman To Forecast Sudden development of a low pressure area in Alaska caused the weather bureau to withdraw its prediction of several days of fair weather and to forecast rain for Portland and Willamette valley for Thursday.

In today's weather report Portland and the happy valley are informed that, according to best observations, tomorrow will be wet, tough on those new lavender spring fashions, disconcerting to early baseball enthusiasts and disturbing, but not discouraging, to those dauntless winter golfers.

Although Portland and the valley, from long experience in this evergreen rapture, will not be astounded by such prediction, nevertheless it must be classed as news.

That is, the information of the coming change was not known to Portland and the valley generally until it was announced by the weather office.

From time immemorial these birds of the sea have sought meadowy recesses of the Columbia and Willamette when storms swept in from the west.

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Monster Plesiosaurus of Pre-Historic Age Reported Seen in Waters of Andes Region; To Take "Thing" Dead or Alive

Buenos Aires, March 8.—An expedition under direction of Clemente O'Neill, director of the Buenos Aires Zoological Gardens, plans to leave Saturday for the Patagonian wilderness to capture dead or alive the prehistoric plesiosaurus reported existing there.

The hunters will be equipped with harpoons and firearms and will be ready to do battle if need be, with more than one of the prehistoric monsters.

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Girl, Out For Office, Urges Accept Pact Or Have War, Lodge Warns

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GUN TOTTERS OF 3 TOWNS Streets of Taft, Fellows and Maricopa, Cal., Swarm With Outlawry; Bloody Clash With Night Riders Hourly Expected

Bakersfield, Cal., March 8.—(U. P.)—Open warfare between "night riders" and citizens posse loomed as an hourly possibility throughout the entire West Side oil fields today.

Taft, Fellows, Maricopa and other towns were in armed turmoil. The shadow of the "night riders" spread to Bakersfield itself when John Eyrand, rich merchant, received a letter warning him to "shut up or else."

Eyrand was evidently believed by the "shogun" squad, being assembled against the "night riders," to be a "big shot." Chief of Police Stone instructed Eyrand to arm himself.

Maricopa, the "widest open town" in the oil fields, threatened to be the scene of the opening battle with the "night riders."

Maricopa, with its hordes of alleged bootleggers, gamblers and degenerates, was said to have thrown down the gauntlet to the "riders" and to have dared them to invade the town.

The atmosphere through the entire district was electric. J. N. Pyles, who operates a big detective agency here, today admitted that he was considering an offer to throw his men into the field against the "night riders" who are spreading terror throughout the oil district.

Pyles would not say who had made the offer. He has not yet made a decision, he said.

SEEKING WITH EXCITEMENT TAFT IS WITHOUT POLICE TAFT, Cal., March 8.—(U. P.)—Taft, armed to the teeth and seeking with "night rider" excitement, was apparently without police protection of any sort today.

Chief of Police Porter Munsey was reported to have gone to Los Angeles, O'Brien, defense lawyer, today accused and launched into the telling if his story aimed to damage the prosecution's theory that Mrs. Oberchain was a "woman scorned."

CHINESE BANDITS TO FACE EXTERMINATION; Ruler Gives Orders

Shanghai, China, March 8.—(U. P.)—Orders for extermination of bandits in Yunnan province as a result of an appeal to him by Mrs. Howard Taylor, a British subject, whose husband is held captive by outlaws, were issued today by Sun Yat Sen, president of the Chinese republic.

Mrs. Taylor, who with her husband, W. H. Eastgate, president of the Portland Parent-Teacher council, Mrs. George G. Root, president of the Franklin high association, and School Directors A. C. Newell, W. P. Shill and W. F. Woodward.

A mass meeting of parents of children attending the Lincoln high school, teachers and others interested is announced for Tuesday evening, 8 o'clock, in room A of Central library, to organize a Parent-Teacher association.

Smoot and Burton Legally Qualified, in Daugherty's Opinion

Washington, March 8.—(I. N. S.)—Attorney General Daugherty today in his opinion that Senator Smoot of Utah and Representative Burton of Ohio were eligible to serve as members of the committee which will arrange the payment of the \$11,000,000 foreign debt to the United States.

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Bishop Warned of 'Airbrake' Smith, Ex-Convict, Is in Custody Once More

Seattle, March 8.—C. B. (Airbrake) Smith, ex-convict from the California penitentiary at San Quentin and the Oregon prison at Salem, is held by police here today as one of the leaders of an alleged check forging gang operating in the Pacific coast states.

He was arrested while trying to pass a \$200 check for \$200 worth of supplies, and will probably be returned to the Oregon state penitentiary where he is wanted to serve out a term, having violated his parole.

Salem, March 8.—C. B. Smith, paroled convict from the Oregon penitentiary, who was arrested in Seattle Tuesday night, is a civil engineer of unusual ability, but his penchant for forging checks has kept him behind prison bars for several years.

State Bank Fails to Open in Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 8.—(I. N. S.)—The Wilk-Hall State bank failed to open for business today. It was the only state bank in Oklahoma City and had a capital stock of \$200,000.

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Detective Accused Of Collecting False Claim for Mileage

C. O. McLean, a private detective, and employed by the private investigation and enforcement agency, was arrested shortly before noon today on a bench warrant following a grand jury indictment, charging him with presenting a false claim to a government officer for approval.

McLean, according to Assistant United States Attorney Maguire, was sent by the vigilance committee in the investigation of violations of prohibition and narcotics laws. His expenses were paid by the vigilance committee.

McLean is then alleged to have remained in Portland, making no further trips of any kind, but later to have gone to the city's office and collected mileage to and from The Dalles.

Three Men Killed In Blast at Powder Works Near Tacoma

Tacoma, Wash., March 8.—(U. P.)—Three men were killed in an explosion at the Du Pont powder works, 20 miles south of here today. The dead are Fred Paulson, Dan Marks and Alvin Larson, all employees of the works.

The explosion, which was of sufficient force to rock buildings in this city, occurred in the gelatin mixing plant No. 3. The building was one of several where nitro-glycerine is mixed with a compound of nitrocellulose to make dynamite.

The maximum penalty for such an offense is \$500 and two years in prison.

Stockman Seriously Wounded; Feud Cause

Klamath Falls, March 8.—A quarrel between Lester Hixon and Arthur Hamaker, "Bly stockmen, resulted this morning in Hamaker being shot and seriously wounded in the left shoulder by Hixon.

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Bonus Commission Secretary Arrives

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Phone Girl Drops Dead While at Work

Isla Owens, 35, telephone operator, dropped dead in the telephone exchange building at West Park and Alder streets early Tuesday evening. A coroner's report says the girl's death was due to heart failure. She lives at 274 1/2 Hill street.

President Will Take Vacation in Florida

Washington, March 8.—(I. N. S.)—President Harding probably will leave Washington late this afternoon for a 10-day vacation trip to Florida. The president plans to go first to St. Augustine. No engagements were on the White House calendar for today.

Reclamation Law Is Extended by Measure

Washington, March 8.—(I. N. S.)—The house late today passed a bill, extending the reclamation law to irrigation districts. The vote was 218 to 19. The bill enables owners and occupants of land under government construction and operated irrigation projects to form irrigation districts under state laws.

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Because you can't be sure of one in these hectic times. "Petting," according to this authority, is "a very desirable intercollegiate sport. It is merely a matter of discrimination and degree. Go to it with no qualms; many a woman who insists on privacy when she is alone, will let you ruin her hair net."

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