

DOVER EAGER FOR BLOWOFF; WAITS HARDING'S WORD

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Washington, April 7.—(U. N. S.)—Elliott D. Dyer, assistant secretary of the treasury, is a "Hardingite," but President Harding is not.

For that reason, the threatened political blowoff in the treasury department, as a result of Dyer's "Hardingism," is being held in abeyance until President Harding is ready to make a move.

The present situation is considered the issue involved in the reorganization of the treasury department, with an eye to eliminating the present friction. Dyer wishes to go ahead with his work, but is waiting until President Harding decides whether the proposed shakeup should be immediate or gradual. In effecting this move, Harding has made his first move toward ending the somewhat tense situation.

However, a few things should be kept in mind in getting a proper perspective for the treasury "row."

Dyer, short, stocky, genial friend of the president, was trained in the same political school as Harding. Dyer was secretary of the Republican national committee at the time Mark Hanna, the G. O. P.'s famous boss, was chairman. When G. Harding at that time was a lieutenant of Hanna. Both are dyed-in-the-wool believers in the slogan that "To the victor belong the spoils." Dyer was one of Harding's leaders during the last campaign and has long been a political friend and confidant of Attorney General Daugherty.

DOVER STRIKE PARTY MAN

Finally, Dyer was brought to Washington by Harding to carry on a reorganization scheme demanded by party leaders. And there is no doubt in the mind of anyone talking to him, as he looks at you through his nose glasses, that party politics constitute his law and the law must be enforced.

In making changes he proposes to make in the treasury, he does not contemplate throwing out all Democrats and retaining only Republicans but, rather retaining only those Democrats and Republicans who faithfully support Republican policies.

Dyer already has acted to the extent of making nearly 500 changes in departments under him. He is ready and anxious to go ahead. He has his reorganization plan completed for all the departments under his supervision and has submitted the plan to Harding. But, for the moment, his work has been halted.

"I'm not sure," he said, "how far I can go. I'll not wait until the president tells me."

BLAIR MAY RESIGN

On the strength of Harding's decision, Commissioner of Internal Revenue Blair, who has opposed many of Dyer's plans, may or may not resign. The "row" has reached the point now where interest centers chiefly in what Mellon will do if Harding tells Dyer to go ahead. Mellon has indicated that he supported Blair in the latter's difficulties with Dyer over patronage. Some leaders have whispered the belief that Mellon would resign if Harding went over his head in support of his friend Dyer. Also it has been intimated that Dyer might

resign if after Harding called him to Washington to reorganize the internal revenue, customs and prohibition bureaus, he repudiated Dyer's recommendations.

MELLON STANDS UNMOVED

Congress—and even the president—left Mellon alone to reflect upon the tax plan he recommended for the next fiscal year. Congress ignored his tax proposals and over-rode his objections to any bonus bill. Congress altered—and the president yielded to congress—Mellon's plan for centralizing authority in the secretary of the treasury for refunding foreign loans. Other plans and recommendations of Mellon have been run over rough shod. And in each instance, someone started the rumor that Mellon was going to resign.

But it may be stated authoritatively that Mellon, knowing little about political maneuvering and caring less, actually enjoyed these contacts and conflicts with congress. And he had gone along unmoved at the insistence of Republican leaders upon a political shakeup in the treasury department to rid the bureau of holdover Democrats.

When Dyer came along to accomplish this reorganization, congress thought it was all over but the shouting. Mellon, however, takes the stand that no such reorganization is in contemplation. Again he is in the position of standing alone against the wishes of congress and with the possibility of a White House rebuff for his attitude.

Harding is trying to smooth out the wrinkles and believes he will succeed. Harmonizing conflicts within and between bureaus is not a new sensation for him. He has done it before and he probably will this time.

Cox Will Outline Issues in N. Y. Talk

Washington, April 7.—Next Saturday night, at a banquet in New York, James M. Cox of Ohio, titular leader of the Democratic party, will set forth what he believes to be the issues in the congressional elections this fall. Cox already has announced his intention to get into the forthcoming campaign with all his energy, and he has been resting up in the South preparatory to the long fight ahead.

Marion Veterans Meet at Woodburn

Woodburn, April 7.—The Marion County Veterans' association, at a meeting Thursday, endorsed the action of Governor Olcott in forbidding races, games and sports at the state fair grounds on Memorial day. Patriotic addresses were made by State Commander Williams of Gladstone, Mr. Henderson of Portland and Margaret E. Becker of Portland, department president. In the afternoon memorial services were held for 15 members who died during the year in Woodburn, Silverton and Salem. A. B. Hudelson of Salem presided.

U. OF O. CATALOGUE READY.—University of Oregon, Eugene, April 7.—A university catalogue, giving detailed information of the university and its activities, is ready for distribution.

Veterans Hungry For Land But U. S. Supplies But Few

Washington, April 7.—Land hunger among ex-service men—the passion of the "landless man to go upon the manless land"—is pitifully expressed in thousands of applications and inquiries received at the general land office and by the reclamation service.

So eager are some of these returned veterans to make homes and cultivate the soil that more than 100,000 have requested employment in the hope of ultimately acquiring the land upon which they might set to work.

"The correspondence is largely from trained men, who are not appealing for a gratuity, but are seeking an opportunity to acquire a home on the land by utilizing their labor and experience," said Secretary Fall.

A sifting of the correspondence shows that a bulk of the applications come from states where the price of agricultural land has touched the prohibitive mark and where small capital has little opportunity for investment in agriculture.

While there is plenty of "raw" land, most of it is the cost of drainage is heavy and beyond individual effort at reclamation.

The reclamation service was able to furnish only veterans out of 50,000 inquiries received.

'Ghost' of Pioneer Haunts Family and Farm Is Deserted

Albany, Or., April 7.—Dover, a community near the mouth of the Santiam river, eight miles from Albany, has put in a claim for public recognition because of an alleged haunted house.

Near the river once stood a house in which Perry Adams committed suicide during pioneer days. Adams, according to pioneer lore, was the owner of a beautifully trained horse with a silken mane and tail, which he sold to a circus. Unrequited love, coupled with brooding over the departure of his horse and the fact that he made a bad bargain, the story goes, brought despondency and death.

The old house has been torn down and a new one built on its site, but the settler's ghost is reported recently to have begun to haunt the new structure. J. Crenshaw and family had been living in the house, but last week, the neighbors say, after having listened to mysterious noises to the limit of their endurance, they moved away at night.

W. G. Evans, Marion County Pioneer, Dead

Salem, April 7.—W. G. Evans, Marion county pioneer, died at the home of his son, Dr. John C. Evans, here Thursday afternoon, at the age of 87 years. Evans was born in Tennessee, January 20, 1835, crossed the plains with Col. G. W. Smith in 1846, locating in California and coming from that state to Oregon in 1857. He is survived by three sons, Dr. John C. Evans, of Salem; C. H. Evans, of Roseburg; and I. F. Evans, of Portland. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon from Rigdon chapel here.

BISHOP TO SPEAK.—Dayton, Or., April 7.—Bishop W. F.

Hell of Harrisburg, Pa., will occupy the pulpit of the United Evangelical church next Sunday at 11 a. m. He will preside over the annual conference of the church to be held in Dallas this month.

Church Members Are Many at U. of Idaho

University of Idaho, Moscow, April 7.—Of the students at the University of Idaho this semester 23 per cent are church members or have a preference, according to a tabulation prepared by the Rev. J. Orrin Gould, student pastor. Active church members number 561, while 266 have a preference, leaving 173 who make no religious discrimination. Presbyterians lead. The tabulation shows 24 denominations represented.

McNary Will Present Benson Expense Bill

Washington, April 7.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—McNary Friday will introduce the bill which Representative McArthur Thursday introduced in the house to authorize the payment of \$25,000 to the Portland school district under a claim presented by Director George B. Thomas in behalf of Benson Polytechnic school.

ENTERTAIN DR. MAYO.—A luncheon in honor of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Mayo of Rochester, Minn., was given at Forest Hall on the Columbia river highway, Thursday, by Dr. and Mrs. T. M. Joyce. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Mayo, Dr. and Mrs. O. N. Lawson, Dr. and Mrs. Noble Wiley Jones, Dr. William Holden, Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Kistner, Mrs. Edna Richardson of Marshfield and the hosts.

Attempt to Wreck Train Is Discovered

Astoria, April 7.—An evident attempt to wreck a train on the Lewis & Clark logging railroad was discovered Wednesday by employees but a few moments before a heavily loaded log train passed the spot, it was learned here Thursday. The obstruction consisted of fishpiles chained on the rails in such a way as to insure the wrecking of any train passing over them and obscured by a curve on a heavy grade. A workman riding a speeder detected the hazard and succeeded in removing it before the train arrived. Minor labor troubles have occurred in some of the logging camps on the railroad recently.

W. S. Bowers Named For Baker Office

Washington, April 7.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—William S. Bowers Thursday was nominated as postmaster at Baker in accordance with recommendation of Representatives Sinnott, who announced he would be governed by the attitude of the majority of the Republican city and county organization. William Lachner was first in the civil service examination, but second in party endorsement.

McNary Bill to Go Before Senate Soon

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bill has been held up pending the return of Managing Director Eugene Meyer, now on the Pacific coast, but senators in charge believe it unwise to delay action longer. Authority to make

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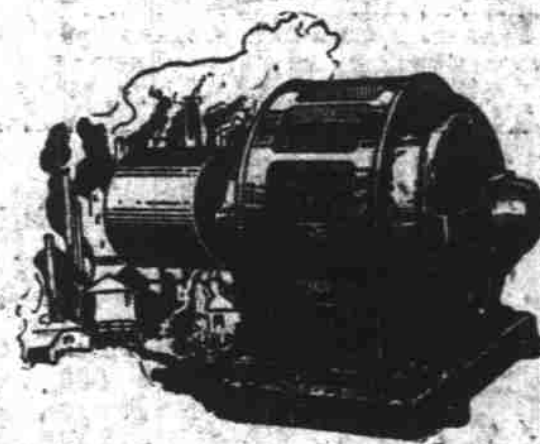
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