

LARGE PROBLEMS CROWD HARDING; G. O. P. GUESSING

TOO BUST, SAYS HARDING

Washington, July 14.—(U. P.)—President Harding, with the problems resulting from two great strikes on his shoulders, today sent word to congress by Senator Lodge that Republican leaders there must settle their own legislative tangles.

The president frankly informed the senator, in a conference at the White House, that he was too busily engaged with rail and coal strike questions to discuss the legislative program.

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Washington, July 14.—Midsummer is bringing an expected climax in the Harding administration. The visit of Senator Lodge, Republican leader, to the White House today, accentuated the tangled condition of affairs which far from giving the administration a summer of vacations and lassitude such as Republicans were wont to have in pre-war days of normalcy has brought a maelstrom of worries and unsolved problems.

Senator Lodge talked with the executive for half an hour. The object of his errand was to tell Mr. Harding that many Republicans would like to sidetrack the ship subsidy bill and do sundry things with reference to the tariff and the bonus, on which Mr. Harding's advice was desirable.

PRESIDENT SEEKS COVER

The president knew from the newspaper accounts of the Republican conference held during his absence in Marion just what are the plans of the leaders so he pleaded excessive work on the rail and coal strike situations as a legitimate reason for declining to enter into a discussion at this time of the legislative situation.

Practically all the time Mr. Harding has been consumed in either the railroad or coal situations and he hasn't had an opportunity to check up by personal conference with friends on Capitol Hill to learn just what is the situation.

The congestion of problems is almost unparalleled. It looks more like war-time here than peace-time. The coal operators and miners are mulling over the president's proposal for arbitration by commission. The railroad situation is getting worse. Marshals and deputy marshals are unable to prevent disorder and federal troops are being held in readiness for action. Mr. Harding has tried to be deliberate and patient.

DELAY IS SERIOUS

There are those who think he should have insisted upon immediate acceptance or rejection of the plan offered to the coal miners and operators and threatened action by congress as a possible solution if the parties did not agree. The delay given in considering the plan of the president has resulted in the inevitable raising of obstacles and barriers in both camps.

Delay, moreover, in dispatching federal troops to trouble areas on the railroads may prove injurious, judging from the pleas coming from affected zones. The government has been loath to intervene with the full weight of its authority, but the situation is rapidly compelling such a step. Aside from the critical developments in the rail and coal strikes, the entire legislative program on which the Republican party had expected to go to the country in the autumn elections is in jeopardy. Mr. Harding wants elasticity in tariff-making, so as to make the schedules conform to inevitable changes in economic conditions.

Republicans are themselves divided on the merits of various schedules either now being debated or as yet not formally before the senate. Mr.

Harding may have to be the arbiter of these differences.

The agitation for a soldier bonus law is undiminished and the champions of the measure want to see action, no matter what happens to the tariff. On top of this is the ardent desire of the president to get through the ship subsidy bill as a constructive achievement. Mixed up in the problem is the wet and dry fight over the sale of liquor on the vessels outside of the three-mile limit. The house of representatives is in recess until August 15, waiting for the senate to pass the many bills already acted upon by the house.

Should the members of the lower house come back and find little accomplished since they left the capitol, the dissatisfaction over the senate delays is bound to grow.

CONGRESS IS DRIFTING

Opportunities for decisive action and aggressive leadership on the part of the chief executive are numerous. Congress is drifting along lines of least resistance. If it could have its way, it would patch up the tariff bill, pass the bonus and adjourn by September 1 to give time for campaigning. The president has said he would call congress into extra session at once if it failed to act on the ship subsidy measure. He cannot afford to retreat and his party does not dare to administer a defeat to his leadership just before the elections in which the whole Republican party will again ask for support.

Industrial strife, political dissatisfaction, legislative tangles, midsummer temperatures—all combine to bring the climax of the administration not quite two years after its election. Primary results are being analyzed to discover national trends, but without attempting to say what the future holds in store politically. The facts of today's crisis force the conclusion that the Harding administration will be made or broken on what it does in the next three or four weeks of its political life.

Builders' Exchange And Electrical Men To Picnic Saturday

A baseball game between master plumbers and electrical contractors is one of the feature events on the program of the annual picnic of the Builders' Exchange, to be held Saturday at Montrose Park, two miles east of Troutdale on the Sandy river. All building construction men and their families have been invited to attend the picnic, according to O. G. Hughson, manager of the exchange, and arrangements have been made to entertain more than 1000 people.

Jack Seed will act as umpire in a number of athletic contests for men and women. James Quinn is to be official starter in all events and William Erberger will be marshal of the grounds. J. D. Mackie will handle a volleyball game and a committee will provide coffee and other refreshments. Transportation will be furnished builders and their families on application to the manager of the Builders' Exchange.

Kilty Band Will Pipe in Honor of Scottish Holiday

A half hour bagpipe concert will be given tonight, starting at 8 o'clock, at the east end of Morrison street bridge by the Kilty band, Pipe Major MacDonald in charge. This aggregation of musicians will be the feature of the third annual Scottish excursion and dance aboard the Swan. The boat will leave the dock at 8:30 p. m. with the Daughters of Scotia, Clan Macleay, Kilty band and concert troupe, British society members and friends and British war veterans and friends aboard and the committee in charge is preparing for a capacity crowd.

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PAINT MEN END BUSINESS MEET; SEEK PLEASURE

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trip over the highway to the Columbia George hotel, where a number of them intended to spend the night. An informal banquet and dance will be given at the George hotel tonight at 7 o'clock. George V. Horgan of New York city, secretary of the National Paint, Oil and Varnish association, was the principal speaker at this morning's session. He urged the paint men to cooperate heartily in the association work and the campaign to "clean up and paint up" that the association is fostering throughout the country.

Other speakers were Allen W. Clark, A. W. Scott, C. D. Ferrin, F. S. Roddie, Sidney C. Rasmussen and C. B. Woodruff.

Thursday night there was a showing of the film "Paint and Varnish," which elucidated the saying that if you save the surface you save it all.

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