

Is Harding Tiring of Big Job?

Figuring on Stepping Out? Rumor Says He is Tiring of Exacting Duties From First Term; May Quit

By David Lawrence (Copyright, 1922, by The Journal) Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 27.—An insidious tale—and by insidious one means politically—is going the rounds among Republicans here and elsewhere in Ohio to the effect that President Harding is so tired of his job that in due time he will announce that he will not accept a renomination for the presidency.

The story has this basis: Many of those political pilgrims from the president's home here and elsewhere in Washington have come back here with gossip that Mr. Harding found the presidency a superhuman task and that it was unendurable to him. Those who know from past experience with American presidents how they feel in the first two years will bear testimony that Harding's is not novel.

It was in the first year of Mr. Wilson's first administration that he exclaimed to a group of callers that he never could understand how anyone in his right senses could ever seek the presidency.

PARTY WILL DECIDE Yet the question of renomination was not personal with Mr. Wilson any more than it will be with Mr. Harding. The party decides the matter. Mr. Harding was drafted in 1920—he had made no campaign for the nomination—and he will be drafted again if the party chieftains think he should be.

The only effect of this story at this time is to undermine the political strength of Mr. Harding with his own party. There has been, of course, a distinct loss of ground by the president. He is personally popular but not as much as he was before the rail and coal strikes. It is natural for those with whom the wish is father to the thought to begin talking someone else for the presidential nomination and it is inevitable that the talk of another should be predicated on what seems to them a plausible assumption that President Harding himself will not wish to run. It is always conceded that if Mr. Harding sought a renomination the party would be embarrassed if it refused.

REACTION NOT SERIOUS The reaction against the Harding administration is noticeable but surface indications are that it hasn't reached the point of real danger to the Republicans as yet. For one thing, the strength of Carmel Thompson, Republican candidate for governor, is such

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G. O. P. LEADERS DRAFT PLATFORM

By Ralph Watson With but one discordant note—the abortive though belated effort of M. Lee of Canby to amend the platform of some reference to Almighty God in the declaration of principles adopted by the convention and adjourned the convention met, swam its harmonious way through countless waves of oratory, put the stamp of approval on the platform recommended by the committee, and adjourned.

3 BANDITS ARE KILLED, 2 WOUNDED

Sensational Bank Holdup Has Fatal Ending When Citizens Shoot Down Highwaymen; \$120,000 in Loot Recovered.

Eureka Springs, Ark., Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—Three bandits were killed and two wounded following a holdup of the First National bank here today.

The bandits secured \$25,000 in bonds and \$25,000 in cash from the bank but a druggist named Jordan, whose store is next door to the bank, killed two of the robbers as they emerged and Joe McKinney, an attorney, killed another.

McKinney and Jordan were given credit for wounding the other two who have been lodged in jail. All the loot was recovered. The names of the bandits have not been learned.

NAME PRINCE KING OF JUGO-SLAVIA

Berlin, Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—Revolutionists—the black hand militarists—have proclaimed King George King of Jugoslavia, according to uncorroborated reports from the Hungarian town of Baja, which is on the Danube river 90 miles from Belgrade.

The revolution followed a bloody clash, the report said, in Belgrade. The king's name was also reported to be behind the movement.

Prince George, who was born August 27, 1887 is the eldest son of King Peter, who was deposed in 1918. Prince Alexander now the ruler of Jugoslavia, was at that time designated crown prince in place of his brother George.

Trieste, Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—Jugoslavia has ordered "mobilization" for national defense, according to information received here today from Belgrade.

REVOLT IN ALBANIA Rome, Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—Revolution has broken out in Albania, said advices from Valona today. Insurgents, having defeated the regular troops, are marching northward. The population is fleeing in panic.

Tiernans Awaiting Court's Decision in Paternity Hearing South Bend, Ind., Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—The ordeal was over for Mrs. August Tiernan today.

Morrison St. Bridge Will Be Repaired

Repairs were authorized today by the county commissioners whereby the Morrison street bridge is to be reinforced and strengthened at an estimated cost of \$40,000 to \$50,000.

The work is to be done on force account, without advertising for bids, provided the county has the span at its disposal and has its equipment already on the bridge.

The commissioners took this action on recommendation of County Roadmaster W. A. Eatchel, who further recommended that the work be done by the Gilpin Construction company which is now in the process of securing the span and has its equipment already on the bridge.

Because of the emergency character of the work the job will be started without preliminary cost estimate, the contractors to work on a basis of actual cost plus 10 per cent, on material and labor.

It was considered a foregone conclusion that C. B. McCullough, state highway engineer, would supervise the work. McCullough reported that the repairs required would include replacement or reinforcement of the upper and lower chords of the draw span and strengthening of lateral braces and pins.

The work probably would require from six weeks to two months, during which period the bridge would be closed to traffic.

Including the present item, in the last two years repairs costing about \$200,000 will have been made upon the Morrison street bridge. McCullough reported that the present work would require the same amount of money at least another six or seven years.

SALEM DAY HED AT STATE FAIR

Salem, Sept. 27.—This is Salem's day at the annual state fair and the city is making the most of it in spite of the rain, which continues falling today with only an occasional glimpse of sunshine to give promise of more favorable weather for the remainder of the week.

Business houses and professional offices generally throughout the city closed at noon today in order that no one should be denied an opportunity of viewing the greatest collection of agricultural and livestock exhibits ever assembled at a state fair west of the Mississippi river.

Most of the state employees are also taking a half holiday off to do the fair today.

Admissions this morning indicated a big increase over the discouraging showings of the first two days, but not even the most optimistic fair official is counting on a repitiation of the record breaker here yet, when approximately 40,000 people paid their way into the grounds on Salem day.

GREEK KING IS FORCED TO ABDICATE

Monarch Quits Throne in Favor of Crown Prince; Turk Victory Responsible for Action; Bloodshed Feared by Him.

Athens, Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—King Constantine has abdicated in favor of Crown Prince George. It was officially announced today.

In a message to the Greek people, the king stated that for the national interest, peace and unity he had abdicated in favor of the crown prince.

The king, when faced by a revolt in the army following defeat by Turkey, tried to save his tottering throne by the declaration of martial law, but this was of no avail and he stepped out in favor of his son.

Constantine relinquished the throne when reports were received that transports loaded with mutinous Greek soldiers were speeding toward the capital.

WANTS TO LEAD ARMY It was reported Constantine made a plea to the revolutionists for permission personally to assume command of the Greek forces who expect to defend Thrace.

The warship Kilkis and torpedo destroyers have joined the insurgent forces.

Confirmation was received here of reports that the Greek king is supporting the revolutionaries.

Mutinous troops have landed at several points near Athens and the few remaining members of the Constantine government conferred with leaders of the revolutionaries.

BLOODSHED FEARED It was believed that bloodshed would have resulted if the king had held onto his fast diminishing power much longer.

The abdication of Constantine followed closely the resignation of the cabinet.

The abdication was preceded by a riot of the populace in the capital. The rioters served an ultimatum on their king in which he was given but one hour to step down from the throne.

Tinplate Kingdom Takes Another Tumble

LEFT, Prince George of Greece; center, King Constantine; right, former Premier Venizelos. Prince George has been called to the Greek throne by revolutionists, following the forced abdication of his father, Constantine, the German ex-kaiser's brother-in-law.



TWO FLEE FROM M'NEIL PRISON

Tacoma, Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—Slipping away in the prison launch No. 2, James Peronto, paroled prisoner, and Robert J. Turner, trusty, escaped from the McNeil island federal penitentiary Tuesday night some time between 9 and 10 o'clock.

The two men untied the boat at the moorings at the prison dock and drifted with the tide until they were some distance away from the prison, according to information received in Tacoma Wednesday.

The boat was found Wednesday morning, tied up at the Steilacoom dock, nearest point on the mainland.

Peronto was paroled from the prison over two months ago and had been employed in the office since that time. He was employed in the internal revenue offices in Tacoma when he was arrested a year and a half ago on a charge of embezzlement.

Turner was sentenced to McNeil Island from San Francisco where he was arrested on charges of forging a money order. His term would have been up until 1925.

Suspect Confesses Burglary of Store in Everett in 1921

William Allen, arrested Tuesday at Third and Pine street, has confessed police inspectors said today, to the burglary of the Burnett Brothers' jewelry store at Everett, Wash., on July 7, 1921, according to Inspector Howell.

Trotsky May Attend Turk Peace Meet

Berlin, Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—German and Russian statesmen will meet in this city to discuss the future of the Turkish straits, it was learned today.

Leon Trotsky, peoples commissar for war, in the Moscow government, probably will be among the Russian delegates.

Russia was not invited to the Near East peace conference and has authoritatively learned today.

London, Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—The British government is favorable to Russia's demand that the soviet be allowed to participate in the conference of powers designed to bring about peace in the Near East. It was authoritatively learned today.

However, it was stated Britain will withdraw her provisional consent if France would object to her position, which is involved with the little entente and the Komagata. It is known that Kemal wants Russian representation and France has, in a way, sponsored the cause of the Turkish leader.

Officers Scored by Chief for Failure To Stop Gambling

Charges that members of the police department are "winking at punch boards, dice games, and other similar gambling devices have been made by Chief of Police Jenkins, who today issued orders to officers demanding the arrest of persons maintaining such devices.

Following were the orders read before the different bureaus today: "I have reliable information that officers of the department, especially plain clothes men, visit the dice games in the downtown district clubs and also watch the operation of punch boards. These are gambling devices and in violation of the law, and operators should be arrested."

Chief Jenkins said this morning that officers who disregarded the orders would be harshly dealt with.

Student Body Fills Albany College Posts

Albany College, Albany, Or., Sept. 27.—The student body of Albany college filled vacancies due to students not returning and selected an athletic council as follows: Lural Burgraff, vice president; Vera Green, secretary; Lynn Lawrence, treasurer; Miss Irvine, faculty advisor. The athletic council, Willis De Vaney, football; Vernon Henderson, basketball; Edward Sox, baseball; John Steingloper, track; Lynn Lawrence, tennis; and Dan Lawrence, forensics. Miss Grace Leslie was named calendar editor.

Fair Miss Enters Race at Klamath For Police Judge

Klamath Falls, Sept. 27.—This city will have a good looking miss for police judge if Miss Lottie Fischer has her way. She announced her candidacy yesterday, saying, "My chapeau is in the ring."

Fair Weather Will Follow Rain Flurry

Storm conditions which brought rain to Portland and the North Pacific coast were breaking up today as the storm center moved inland over Canada. The district weather office reported that after a few more flurries of rain, fair weather would follow for a few days.

SHOPMAN IS SLAIN BY GANG OF FOUR

San Francisco, Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—Harry Erastek, non-union employe of the Southern Pacific railroad shops at Daly City, near here, was shot and killed, and his brother, Rudolph, also a non-union shopman, was severely beaten, early today by four men, none of whom was identified. The attackers escaped in an automobile.

The attack was made while the two Erastek brothers were waiting for a car, en route to work.

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U. S. Senators to Quiz Bakhmetieff

Washington, Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—Boris Bakhmetieff, former Russian ambassador to the United States, will be met in New York on his arrival from abroad with a subpoena to appear before the senate labor committee. Senator Borah, chairman of the committee, announced today.

Bakhmetieff, according to word from abroad, is sailing for the United States to go into business. Borah wants to question him regarding the use of American funds loaned to Russia.

Games Today

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE Portland at Oakland, 3 p. m. Seattle at Vernon, 2:30 p. m. San Francisco at Sacramento, 3 p. m. Los Angeles at Salt Lake, 3:30 p. m. NATIONAL At New York—first game 10 minutes. Philadelphia . . . 6:00 6:02 6:03 3-1 11-2 1-0 Baltimore . . . 6:00 6:04 10:0-3 8-9 8-9 St. Louis . . . 6:00 6:04 10:0-3 8-9 8-9 Brooklyn at Boston, clear, 3:15 p. m. Chicago at Pittsburgh, cloudy, 3 p. m. Only games today.

Executors, Accused Of Grand Larceny, Held; Bail \$10,000

Seattle, Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—Charged with having embezzled \$44,472.42 belonging to the S. G. Hill estate, of which he was executor, G. W. Upper, head of a brokerage concern, is held in the county jail today in default of \$10,000 bail. Charges of grand larceny were filed against Upper yesterday afternoon in superior court. He also faces two other charges of grand larceny in connection with alleged defrauding of clients of his concern.

DESTROYERS REQUESTED BY ADMIRAL

Twelve Warships Ordered by Navy Department to Leave Norfolk, Va., for Constantinople; Supply Ship to Follow

Washington, Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—Twelve United States destroyers have been ordered from Norfolk, Va., to Constantinople, it was reported at the navy department late today.

Sending of the destroyers was requested by Admiral Bristol, American high commissioner at Constantinople. A supply ship, the U. S. S. Brigance, will follow the destroyer flotilla.

The official announcement from the department that the destroyers had been ordered to the Near East declared that they were sent to protect American interests and to furnish supplies to refugees. The destroyers were ordered to proceed to Constantinople as rapidly as possible.

REMLIST REINFORCEMENTS ENTRENCH IN NEUTRAL ZONE Constantinople, Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—An armistice conference had been arranged for Sunday to end hostilities between the Turks and Greeks and to prevent war between the Turks and British, according to information from Ankara today. Admiral Bristol of the United States navy will be an "observer" at the conference.

Constantinople, Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—Ten more British non-of-war vessels arrived in the harbor today to reinforce the British fleet.

Constantinople, Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—Reinforcements of Remlists were reported here today entrenching in the neutral zone to strengthen the positions they have seized in defiance of the allies.

Guns of the British in the waters adjacent to the Chanak area, where the British fleet is entangled, have been trained on the city.

A clash is expected as soon as the 15-hour ultimatum expires.

Constantinople, Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—The British fleet, commander in chief of the British forces, is en route to the conference.

FRELINGHUYSEN IS EASY WINNER

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 27.—(U. P.)—Prohibition is to be the principal issue in the coming election, according to a poll taken in New Jersey, United States Senator Joseph Frelinghuysen declared today, following his renomination in the state by a majority of 100,000.

Mr. Record's vote, particularly in the outlying districts, was largely a protest against prohibition. Frelinghuysen said at his headquarters in Trenton today. "Prohibition will be the principal issue of the campaign, but it will not be the only one."

With one exception, Frelinghuysen carried every county in the state by substantial majorities, including Record's home county.

Leaders of the regular Republican organization headed by former Governor Stokes and former United States Senator Baird, declared Frelinghuysen's victory was an endorsement of the Harding administration, as President Harding is a close personal and political friend of the New Jersey senator.

Governor Edward E. Edwards, the Democratic candidate for the senatorial nomination, was unopposed in the primaries.

Montana Doctor Drowned in River When Car Plunges

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 27.—Dr. Hugh Charles Evers, 34, lost his life in the Williams river last night at 7:30 o'clock, when the car he was driving went over the bank at the east ferry landing in 16 feet of water. He came to the surface but was unable to swim and his body was found 45 minutes later. His partner, Henry W. Holman, also of Harrisburg, lost his life by jumping as the car left the bank and swam to shore.

Neither knew of the ferry at this point. They left Harrisburg on Monday afternoon, intending to go as far south as Los Angeles. Dr. Evers was a member of the Blue Lodge and single. Many accidents have occurred at the ferry here, which is the regular crossing of the Pacific highway, but this is the first fatality.