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KNOWLAND IS CHOSEN KING BING

Successor to C. B. Clancey as Head of Salem Cherrians Elected at Annual Meeting Last Night

ELMO S. WHITE GETS SECRETARY'S POST

Boosters Dispense With Christmas Cheer But Will Decorate Tree

Charles E. Knowland, one of the operators of the Commercial Printing Company, was elected King Bing of the Salem Cherrians at the annual election of officers last night. He succeeds C. B. Clancey.

Other officers elected were: Lord Governor Wood, William McGilchrist, Jr.; chancellor of the hills (secretary), Elmo S. White; keeper of the orchard (treasurer), D. W. Eyre, re-elected; king's jester, E. Cooke Patton; Duke of Lambert, William Gahzdorf; Queen Anne's Consort, Lee Canfield; archbishop of Rieckreaf, Oliver Myers; marquis of Marschino, George Graves; earl of Waldo, Dr. H. C. Eppley.

Nomination Thrice Seconded
For the high post of King Bing, Mr. Knowland had as his opponent, William McGilchrist, Jr., whom Knowland himself nominated in flowery and prolonged utterances. McGilchrist retailed by nominating Knowland and declared positively that he would not accept the honor should it be conferred upon him.

Harding Will Confer With Leading Thinkers

ON BOARD PRESIDENT-ELECT HARDING'S TRAIN, Dec. 7.—President-elect Harding will inaugurate early next week the series of conferences with the leading men of the country, not only of the Republican party but of the Democratic party as well, from which is expected to evolve the policy of the new administration in international affairs and especially with regard to the League of Nations.

MRS. HARDING IS GUEST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Warren G. Harding was the guest of honor at luncheon given today by Mrs. Thomas Marshall, wife of the vice-president. The luncheon was attended by about 40 wives of senators and other officials and was the second social affair for Mrs. Harding during her two-day stay in Washington.

TRENCH OF BAYONETS WILL BE DEDICATED

MONUMENT IS SYMBOL OF FRENCH HEROISM

War Shrine Is One of Most Impressive Reminders of Horrors of World Conflict.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—President Millerand and many other leaders in French political and military life will participate in the dedication ceremonies at Verdun tomorrow of the monument just completed there to commemorate one of the most famous war shrines in France, "the trench of bayonets." The memorial has been erected at a cost of 500,000 francs and is the gift of the late George F. Rand of Buffalo, N. Y.

These guns may be seen today with the ends projecting from the ground, and it is to preserve and commemorate this striking reminder that the monument has been built.

IMMIGRATION TIDE OPPOSED

Flood of Strangers May Be Stopped During Period of Re-Construction

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Determination of house leaders to stop during the period of reconstruction the great flood of immigration which has set in from Europe and other parts of the world was evidenced today by the action of the rules committee in reporting a special rule under which general debate on the Johnson bill would be limited to four hours and probably disposed of in one session. The rule will be called up Thursday, delay in taking it up having been agreed upon only to permit the presentation of a minority report by Representative Siegel, Republican, New York. The Johnson bill would prohibit practically all immigration for two years.

Bill Will Make State Party to Drain Plan

At a meeting last night in the office of Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, of committees representing the state legislature and the Salem city council, together with Engineer Cupper and his assistant, Ray Luper, arrangements were made to place before the legislature a bill making it possible for the state to become a party to the proposed formation of a drainage district to drain the territory of southeast Salem and adjacent lands outside the city limits.

NELSON PIKE IS HONORED

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 7.—Nelson G. Pike, former president of the Portland Rotary club, has been unanimously elected district president for the northwest of the international organization, it was announced here today by Estes Smedecor, international president. Mr. Pike succeeds Charles E. Cochran of Portland, who was forced to resign the office recently because of sickness.

GERMAN SPY FIGURES IN CONFESSION

Sensational Disclosures of Willers Mission in America Made When Officers Apprehend

EXPERIENCE RECITED IN BRAZEN FASHION

Many Officials Employed at Washington During War Were Spies He Says

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Sensational disclosures of his mission to this country as a spy for the German government was given in an alleged confession by John Willers, formerly Captain in Company I, 48th United States Infantry, alleged thief and deserter, after his arrest here tonight charged with absconding with \$5000 of his company funds on December 19, 1918. His regiment was then stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

HARDING ENDS CAPITAL VISIT

President-elect Counsels With Republican Leaders on League Question

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President-elect Harding concluded today his two-day visit to Washington with another successful day of conferences in which he talked with his party associates about the league of nations, the selection of a cabinet and other problems.

Billiard Champion Will Entertain Here Today

Local cue fans will be afforded a rare entertainment this afternoon and evening at the Adolph Brothers Billiard parlors, when Willie Hoppe in New York city. Spears holds all the world's records at the straight rail game, having the record high run of 5,041. It has been some time since such champions have been seen in action in the city.

FARM PROPONENTS TO RENEW EFFORTS

IMMEDIATE ACTION SEEMS DEFERRED

Farmer Relief Forces Have Assurance of Enough Votes to Pass Legislation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Undaunted by failure to obtain immediate action in the senate today on a farmer relief legislation, proponents of the legislation announced tonight the intention of renewing their efforts to bring their proposals to a vote.

LEAGUE MAKES WAR ON TYPHUS IN NEAR EAST

SANITARY CONDITIONS IN POLAND ARE GRAVE

GENEVA, Dec. 7.—War against typhus in the Near East occupied the attention of the league assembly this morning to the exclusion of virtually all other items. The debate was widespread in its scope, the representatives of all climates and races taking part.

ARTICLE X HELD OBJECTIONABLE

Canada Does Not Wish to be Involved in Preservation of Territory

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 7.—Canada's principal objection to article ten of the league of nations covenant is that she does not wish to involve herself in the "preservation of territorial integrity and existing political independence of all the members of the league of nations."

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TAX RETRENCHMENT IS GIVEN EVIDENCE

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