

HARDING IS PLEASSED WITH ADMINISTRATION

President in Letter to Senator McCormick Reviews Achievements of Congress With Much Satisfaction—Praise for Republicans in Communication From White House.

Washington, Sept. 6.—President Harding in a letter reviewing the achievements to date of the Republican administration, particularly with reference to congress, declares that "surveying the national situation as a whole, it is plain that we are working our way out of a welter of waste and prodigal spending at a most impressive rate."

The letter, made public today, was written by the president under date of August 29 to Senator McCormick of Illinois, and, it is understood, will be used in the campaign in New Mexico, where Senator Bursum, appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Secretary of Interior Fall, is a candidate for election. The letter, it also is understood, is considered by Republican leaders as a reply to attacks on the legislative record of the Republican congress by Chairman White of the Democratic national committee and other leading Democrats.

"We have made progress towards retrenchment and greatly increased efficiency," the president asserts. "I can not but account it a monumental accomplishment which has marked the work of the extraordinary session down to the time of its recess." Looking to the future, Mr. Harding in his letter expresses the confident hope that congress after the recess and before the end of the extraordinary session will "adopt both the tariff and taxation measures and that along with these it will pass the bill to permit funding the debt owed us by foreign governments."

"This, I hope," the president adds, "will shortly be followed by arrangements under which the debtor nations will begin paying interest on their obligations. Likewise, I am confident that the bill facilitating the funding of the debt of railways to the United States will become law during the extraordinary session, thus insuring a large and immediate demand for employment of men now idle."

The president in beginning his letter expressed thanks to Senator McCormick of the Illinois senator's congratulations on the accomplishments of the administration, as expressed in a letter addressed to the president under date of August 24.

The Republican congress preceding the advent of the present administration is credited by Mr. Harding with having "patiently and assiduously labored to reduce expenditures," with a result "which we can summarize in the statement that the appropriations for the current fiscal year will aggregate of \$4,250,000,000 and that this is \$750,000,000 less than the expenditures for the previous fiscal year."

The president after reciting as extravagances incident to the war "the expenditure of \$3,500,000,000 by the shipping board, between \$5,000,000,000 and \$6,000,000,000 for aircraft, artillery and ammunition, and between \$1,250,000,000 and \$1,500,000,000 for the railroad administration, adds:

"It is gratifying to be able to say, therefore, that probably no other government in the world has during a similar period so drastically reduced expenditures as has the government of the United States during the past two years on the insistence of the Republican congress. Moreover, I am happy to assure you that the administration departments are now in full sympathy with the program of rigorous and unremitting economy, through which, I believe, we will be able during the next year to turn back into the treasury so large a sum that the aggregate of taxation may be reduced to \$3,500,000,000 a year."

"Half the present total expenditures of the government arises from wars of the past. Similar burdens are imposed upon the taxpayer of other countries, and a well nigh universal protest against a possible repetition of gigantic conflicts gives rise to the common hope that the conference in November may lighten the burdens of both armament and taxation, not only for this but for other lands."

"Almost without exception the governments of other countries are faced with great deficits. We must not overestimate our good fortune and the prudence of our congress which permits us to balance revenue and expenditure at a time when deficits are the rule throughout the world. We shall be greatly aided in a policy of progressively reducing expenditure by the budget law, Republican in origin, design, enactment and execution. . . . I do not hesitate to say that in ordinary times it alone would have been considered a highly creditable chief product of a year's legislative program. Yet in a time of such legislative activity as the present it is only one among many measures of the first importance to be enacted. It was quickly followed by the enactment of the immigration law, calculated both to limit the influx of population during a period of depression and to hasten the day when we may effect the true Americanization of all new comers to our shores."

"The series of measures looking to the amelioration of conditions in the great agricultural industries would in other times have constituted a striking legislative product of a year's session. These include the law for control of the packing industry, the act for the regulation of grain exchanges and the law for the extension of credits to farmers through the war finance corporation to enable them to carry their own crops until the markets will absorb them. The establishment of a veterans' bureau insures a consummation of those reforms in caring for our disabled men which were inaugurated by executive orders. We have established peace and are seeking to establish the generous production and profitable exchange of food-stuffs and commodities under the condition of peace and corollary assurances of good wages and general employment."

MINERS KILLED IN EARLY FIRING

Two Bodies Taken to Charleston—Coal Field of West Virginia is So Quiet That Some Troops Will Leave

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 6.—The bodies of two coal miners, said to have been killed in last week's firing in the vicinity of the Boone-Logan county line, were brought to Charleston today.

Members of a committee in charge of the bodies gave the names of the dead as Dewey Bryant, Lynchburg, Va., and Keener Williamson, Henrietta, Ky. Both men, it was said, were formerly employed at the Jochin, W. Va., plants.

West Virginia's coal fields were reported quiet tonight at the offices of Governor Morgan. It was declared that no indications of renewed rifle firing in the recently disturbed region had been received during the day. Quiet has likewise returned to Mingo county, where firing across the Tug river from the Kentucky side took place last week, it was said.

War department orders were received at the headquarters of Brig. Gen. H. H. Bandholtz directing the return of the Twenty-sixth infantry to its home station at Camp Dix. The Eighty-eighth aero-squadron was likewise ordered to return to Langley field, leaving only planes to act as messengers in West Virginia.

Williamson, W. Va., Sept. 6.—The case against 14 men indicted on charges growing out of the death of W. J. Ferguson, one of seven private detectives killed in Matewan in May, 1920, during a clash with townsmen today, was put over until tomorrow on account of the failure of some of the attorneys to arrive here. Forty-six of 60 veniremen summoned from Pocahontas county under a law enacted by the last legislature making it possible for men of one county to be called into another for jury duty, answered today's roll call in the Mingo county circuit court. From these it is hoped to obtain a jury to try the men.

During last winter's term of court 700 Mingo veniremen were called before a jury was selected to try those expected to go on trial tomorrow and others on an indictment charging complicity in the death of Albert C. Feltz, one of the seven who died as a result of gunshot wounds secured during the fight. At that time all the defendants were acquitted.

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 6.—Corp. Alexander C. Hazleton, the only survivor of five army aviators, who fell in the wild of Nicholas county Saturday, was reported today by physicians at the hospital at Montgomery as in better condition than indicated by earlier bulletins. They declared, however, that he was not yet out of danger.

A more careful diagnosis of the flier's injuries disclosed, attending physicians said, that neither leg was broken, but that internal injuries, pronounced serious but not necessarily fatal, had caused loss of control of the muscles of one leg.

COTTON MEETING

Manning, S. C., Sept. 5, 1921
Editor Manning Times,
Manning, S. C.

Dear Sir:
Please allow me a little of your valuable space to call the attention of the farmers to a meeting of the Cotton Growers association to be held in Columbia, Friday, September the 9th for the consideration of the cooperative marketing plan now being pushed throughout the State. The principal speaker will be the President of the Oklahoma association which has been organized with 400,000 bales pledged to be handled through one association for the next five years. The fixing of the price for this crop will also be taken under consideration.

"This is a very important meeting, and I urge every man that is interested in securing a better method of handling the cotton crop and realizing more money out of the sales and eliminating the waste and extra expense now incurred, to be on hand at this meeting to be held at Craven Hall Friday, the 9th at eleven o'clock. I urge the attendance of at least one man from each district to lay aside his work and attend this meeting. It will richly be worth the time and expense incurred to meet with the farmers all over the State and exchange views with them, now is the time to boost the price of cotton as twenty cents is surely the minimum price for cotton at the present conditions. The call is for volunteers to attend this meeting.

Yours truly,
F. C. Thomas,
President County Association

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PROMINENT YOUNG COUPLE UNITED IN MARRIAGE

On Thursday, September 1st, at five o'clock in the Methodist church of Manning a beautiful wedding ceremony was solemnized when Miss Julia Adelaide Wilson became the bride of Mr. William Theodore Lesesne, Jr. The church was tastefully decorated in Smilax, ferns, marigold, golden glow and yellow daisies, which effectively carried on the color scheme of green and gold. Just before the appointed hour Miss Isabella Thomas attired in brown silk lace over satin took her place at the piano and played "Water Lily" by MacDowell. At five o'clock the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march: the bridal party entered the church, the bridesmaids by the right aisle, the groomsmen by the left, crossing in front of the chancel and taking their places within the chancel in two rows, bridesmaids standing directly in front of the groomsmen. The bridesmaids dressed in fluffy yellow organdies, carrying organdie hats filled with yellow daisies, golden glow and ferns, came down the right aisle and the groomsmen on the left in the following order:

Miss Janie Marion Wilson and Mr. Hugh Ryan, Miss Sue Sprott and Mr. Norwood A. Hall, Miss Tora Bagnal and Mr. Harvin E. McFaddin, Miss Sarah Lesesne and Mr. J. O. Covan, Miss Lila Foy and Mr. Sam John Brogdon, Miss Lillie Brogdon and Mr. Frank Dwight.

Next came the maid of honor, Miss Margaret Wilson, sister of the bride, wearing brown satin trimmed in wooden beads and carrying cream gladiolas.

Following the maid of honor was the dainty little ring bearer, little Rebecca Lesesne, dressed in a frilly yellow organdie and carrying the ring in the heart of a sunflower.

The bride, wearing a lovely coat suit of navy blue tricotie and a chic hat of navy duvetyne faced with duvetyne of tomato shade and carrying a shower bouquet of brides' roses and lilies of the valley, entered on the arm of her brother, Mr. H. Laurens Wilson and the groom entered from a side entrance with his best man, Mr. Morgan Sauls.

The bride and groom were met at the altar by Rev. C. B. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church of which the bride is a member, performed the very impressive ceremony using the ring service. During the ceremony Nevin's Love Song was softly played on the piano by Miss Thomas. The bride is a graduate of Winthrop College and one of Manning's most popular and attractive young ladies.

The groom is a prominent young business man of Manning. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom motored to Sumter where they took a train for the mountains of North Carolina for a stay of several weeks.

The out-of-town guests for the wedding were: Miss Lila Foy of Springfield, Miss Lillie Clowdy of Columbia, Miss Lillie Brogdon of Harvin, Misses Frances and Ellis Hawkins of Winston-Salem, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sauls of Winston-Salem, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Lesesne of Summerton, Mr. Morgan Sauls of Winston-Salem, N. C., Mr. Frank Dwight of Eastover, Mr. J. O. Covan of Willington, Mr. Hugh Ryan of Wedgefield, Mr. Sam Jno. Brogdon of Harvin, Mr. Harvin McFaddin of Hagerstown, Mr. Ernest Cunningham of Savannah, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. E. Van Wilson of Darlington.

Miss Pet Wilson has won a scholarship at the Presbyterian College at Columbia. Ten scholarships were offered to the Presbyterian girls of the State, to be decided by competition examination.

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Died at his home last Monday in Greenport, Long Island, Mr. Morris Appell, aged about 70 years. The deceased is the father of Mr. Louis Appell of Manning and Mr. Henry Appell of Darlington. The editor of The Times sincerely appreciates the kind words of condolence that friends have expressed to him on learning of his bereavement.

NEGRO FERRYMAN DIES OF INJURIES

R. Hugh Belser Strikes Negro in Self Defense in Georgetown County

Georgetown, Sept. 5.—Last Tuesday afternoon, when about to cross the Sampit river at Georgetown, en route by automobile to McClellanville, a party consisting of R. Hugh Belser, R. B. Belser, R. D. Epps and E. R. Riehbourg had a very unfortunate experience with a negro ferryman, when Hugh Belser was forced in self defense to strike the negro over the head with a cable stick, fracturing his skull, from the effects of which the negro died Thursday night.

The ferryman, Ed. Smith, as testified to in the magistrate's court in the trial of the case held Saturday before a jury of 12 white citizens, was asked civilly to take the party over the river without delay, but instead of obeying or making any excuse for keeping the party waiting, turned upon Mr. Belser and cursed him, at the same time picking up a heavy billet. Before the negro could strike, Mr. Belser picked up a cable stick and administered a blow that disabled his assailant. The negro would have fallen from the ferry flat into the river, but was caught by Mr. Belser and pulled into the flat where every attention was given him until the arrival of Dr. H. D. Beckman. He was then taken to Dr. Sawyer's office where an operation was performed by Drs. Beckman, Sawyer and Gaillard, and afterwards taken to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company's hospital. After giving instructions that everything possible should be done to save the negro's life, Mr. Belser and associates reported the matter to the sheriff's office, gave bond for appearance in case of need, and proceeded on their way to McClellanville.

The unanimous verdict of the jury was to the effect that Mr. Belser acted entirely in self defense. He was found not guilty and exonerated of all blame in the matter.

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Richmond, Va., Sept. 6.—The Colonial Dames of Virginia today placed a memorial on the spot where Alexander Spotswood, colonial governor of Virginia, and his Knights of the Golden Horseshoe had first view of Anglo-Saxons of the land beyond the mountains, known as the Shenandoah valley. On the summit of Swift Run, September 5, 1716, Spotswood and his knights drank to the health of the king. The shaft commemorates this unique event. The preparations for the unveiling of the shaft have been in the hands of a committee of the Colonial Dames society, who are descendants of Spotswood.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS OF TWENTY YEARS AGO

September 11th, 1901

Rev. F. W. Gregg left this morning for Fowler.

Mrs. A. L. Lesesne has returned home from the Springs.

Mr. Bright Robinson of Columbia, is in Manning, on a visit to his sister, Mrs. S. I. Till.

Died on the 31st, inst., Mrs. Alice Hodge, wife of Mr. L. B. Hodge, aged about 35 years.

D. Hirschmann's store will be closed on Saturday, the 14th, on account of the Jewish religious holiday.

On last Friday night the ginney of Mr. John P. Felder, of Felders, was destroyed by fire.

Prof. B. M. Geer of Furman University, who is visiting his college mate, Mr. R. J. Alderman at Alcolu, was in Manning last Monday.

Mesdames Henry and Bates, who have been visiting the family of Mr. C. R. Harvin, have returned to their homes, at Gadson and Eastover.

The cotton yield prospect in this county is not as bright as the favorable seasons gave hope for. Many farmers claim that the fruitage is very disappointing.

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SEES OPPORTUNITY FOR DEMAGOGUES

Citizen of Summerton Asks Why Republican Party Can Not Inflation

Quite recently the newspapers report that Cole L. Blease has the ambition to become governor of South Carolina, and will probably make the race next summer, in order to take advantage of present economic conditions and the high rate of taxation. John L. McLaurin made the charge not many months ago that Woodrow Wilson had deflated the currency for the sole purpose of electing Cox to the presidency of the United States, and even now J. S. Wannamaker is yelling on the house-tops that the federal reserve board deflated the currency for the purpose of robbing the cotton growers of the South.

It appears to me, in this connection, that the curse of the South in general, and of South Carolina in particular, has been the perennial demagogue. I do not believe that Woodrow Wilson or the Democratic party or the federal reserve board have had anything to do with present economic conditions or the deflation of the currency, because similar economic conditions as prevail in this country, also prevail in other countries, beyond the jurisdiction of the United States, and, in fact, all over the world.

It is respectfully submitted that the economic conditions which now prevail in the United States are due to the fact that the nations of the world having ceased to engage in war, have likewise ceased to purchase the raw products of the world, the result being that the selling price of raw products has fallen immensely all over the world. If Woodrow Wilson deflated the currency and reduced the price of raw products, why in the name of common sense can not Gamaliel Harding inflate the currency and increase the price of raw products? In other words, since the Democratic party had nothing to do with the decrease in the price of raw products, for the same reason the Republican party can not increase the price of raw products.

But there is a duty for the government to perform, that is to enact laws and to enforce policies which will make everybody deflate at the same time, and if we are to have deflation, then force everybody to deflate.

If the price of raw tobacco products is so low that the tobacco farmers can not make a decent profit, it then becomes the duty of the government, through the instrumentality of the federal trade commission, to deflate the purchasing price of cigars, cigarettes and all other forms of manufactured tobacco. If the tobacco farmer is compelled to deflate because of worldwide economic conditions, then let the government force the tobacco manufacturer to deflate, since if I can secure my cigars at a cheaper price, I have no serious objection to selling my raw tobacco for a cheaper price. If the live stock man must sell his hides on a deflated economic basis, then it becomes the duty of the government to force the shoe manufacturer to sell his shoes at a deflated price.

But there is another reason which causes financial depressions from time to time, and that is the principle of action and reaction. All of us have known men who toiled hard all of their life and as a result accumulated fortunes, only to have these fortunes dissipated in the next generation and the children of the rich become the paupers of succeeding generations. The people of the United States are too much inclined to put the blame of financial panics and financial depression on the government, when, to a very large extent, financial panics are due to the fast and extravagant living of the people themselves. The greatest asset of any people is the recognition of the principle that it is their moral duty to work hard, to practice economy and to do everything in decency and in order, and that a nation of people will reap exactly what it sows.

The demagogue never offers the people any kind of remedy for financial depression, and the demagogue invariably takes as his sole text the question of excessive taxation. I do not think the people of this country or the people of South Carolina are much interested in the question of a reduction in taxation, but most of us who are interested in good roads, good schools and charitable institutions are willing to pay taxes until it hurts, provided the taxes are assessed on a basis of equality. Several years ago I purchased 350 acres of swamp land in this county at and for the sum of \$10 per acre, and ever since my lands have been assessed by the auditor of Clarendon county at and for the sum of \$3,500. At the same time I made this purchase a friend of mine purchased 650 acres of very fine land in this county at and for the sum of \$200 per acre, and ever since the lands of my friend have been assessed by the auditor of Clarendon county at and for the sum of \$3,600. I have never protested at paying taxes on \$3,500 worth of land, but I think the auditor of Clarendon county and his assistants should compel my friend to pay taxes on his \$130,000 worth of land.

The past 12 months have furnished the demagogues with a golden opportunity and we will hear more of them in the next 12 months, and many of them have already and will hereafter attain positions of prominence by reason of the misfortunes of the people. I would rather be the editor of a good daily newspaper

than held any political position in the gift of any people, but if I were a newspaper editor, I would wield my pen for equality in the assessment of taxes, for equality in the selling price of raw products and the purchasing price of manufactured products, and finally, the greatest of them all, death and damnation to the political demagogue.—The State.

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Mrs. Brown and daughters, Mildred, Louise and Francis returned home Tuesday from DuRants, S. C.

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STRIKES STILL ON, ALTHOUGH AT END

Only Small Increase in Operatives at Work

DISCUSSION GOES ON
Question at Issue Now Seems to Be Procedure That Must Be Followed

Concord, N. C., Sept. 6.—Only a small increase in the number of operatives at work in the cotton mills was reported this morning, following the vote taken Saturday night by union members, to return to work today. The vote Saturday night was not to determine if union members would return to work immediately, union officials state, but to determine if the strikers would return in a body, provided all old employees were given their jobs back.

Following the advice given by Harry Eatough, organizer, at a Labor day mass meeting, about 200 former employees of the Gibson mill marched to the mill gates in a body. There they were told that only individuals who had applied to the superintendent for work would be admitted. They then turned about and marched off in a body.

Before leaving Concord James P. Barrett, president of the North Carolina Federation of Labor, made public an affidavit signed by 75 members of the textile union, addressed to Gov. Cameron Morrison, in which each affiant alleges that he was stopped by uniformed policemen with drawn bills when he reported to the Gibson mill this morning and calling on the governor to take action to stop such discrimination on the part of the law officials it is alleged has been engaged in by the Concord police force.

Police officers alleged that nobody who applied to the superintendent of the Gibson mill for a job was denied entrance to the mill property but that they had been instructed by the mill management to keep back all persons who did not have jobs in the mill.

Barrett stated that he had talked with Governor Morrison over the telephone this afternoon but he refused to comment on the conversation. It was rumored that Barrett asked the Governor for troops to protect those persons who wanted to go back to work from the policemen but he would not confirm nor deny these rumors.

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"SPINSTERS PARTY"

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