

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS APRIL 11

Washington, March 24.—A formal call for an extra session of congress to meet April 11 and receive legislative recommendations from the new administration was issued today by President Harding.

None of the specific problems to be laid before the legislative branch was named in the proclamation, the president merely declaring that an extraordinary occasion required that congress convene "to receive such communications as may be made by the executive."

Mr. Harding already has indicated, however, that the tariff and taxation will be foremost in his message to the special session. He is expecting to make a special plea for prompt relief to the nation's agricultural interests and the list of recommendations may touch many other subjects such as the railway situation, the merchant marine, and immigration.

One recommendation relative to reconstruction measures within the government machine itself is expected to suggest the creation of a general commission to dispose of many kinds of property acquired by government agencies during the war. Whether the message will touch on foreign relations is a matter of speculation, but the president has indicated that his primary desire for the session is that it work out a plan of governmental and industrial rehabilitation at home.

A program for the session has been discussed at a series of conferences between the president and leaders in the senate and house and although definite decisions still are to be made a feeling of confidence is manifest that there will be working agreement that will expedite legislative business from the start.

Some of the president's friends believe that he will follow the custom of President Wilson in delivering his message to congress in person. It was said tonight at the White House, however, that no definite decision on that detail had been reached. Tariff and tax revision generally will hold the center of the stage, so far as the Republican program is concerned. Particular attention, it is believed, will be given to the plight of farmers as a result of the general deflation in the price of farm products. Among other measures to be pushed it is believed that the Republicans will attempt to reenact the Fordney emergency tariff on farm products passed by the last congress but vetoed by President Wilson. The measure contained among other things a tariff on cotton and on foreign oils which have largely come into competition with cotton seed oil.

ALBERT W. HARMAN BURIED AT HEBRON

Mr. Albert Whitfield Harman, a well known and highly respected farmer of the Hebron section, died at his home March 27, after a lingering illness of about a year.

Mr. Harman was about 49 years of age and leaves a wife and two children—Thelma and Marchant, besides his mother, Mrs. F. J. Harman, and the following brothers and sisters: H. E. Harman, Atlanta; F. B. Harman, Columbia; Van B. Harman, Van D. Harman and Mrs. T. L. Harman, Lexington.

He was a life long and faithful and honored member of Providence E. L. church. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Hebron church, near his home. His pastor, Rev. O. B. Shearouse, was assisted in the funeral and burial services by Rev. Mr. Whitten of the M. E. Church. Mr. Harman was a native of Lexington county and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a successful farmer.

NEWT KELLY GOES TO PENITENTIARY

Governor Cooper yesterday morning signed an order directing the state penitentiary authorities to accept Newt Kelly from Lexington officials and hold Kelly until further directed. Attorneys for Kelly, who is being held on the charge of murdering David Shull at Brookland, represented to the governor that the conditions at the Lexington county jail, where the prisoner has been for a number of weeks, were not conducive to the health of Kelly.

The prisoner, attorneys say, is not in good health and it was thought his condition might improve if he was placed in the penitentiary.—The State.

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- 1. Good government.
2. Protection of person and property.
3. Conservation of health and sanitation.
4. Highways, roads and bridges.
5. Caring for the dependent and defective.
6. Restraining and punishing the delinquent.
7. Education.

Whether these great fundamental necessities are good, bad or indifferent depends wholly on how we support them. There is no mystery or magic about it.

It's as simple as twice two is four. No taxes, no State services. Low taxes, low grade State services. High taxes, high grade State services.

That is the whole story. A thousand years of argument by the thousand and greatest orators and the thousand greatest newspapers in this or any other world cannot change it.

No taxes, no State services. Low taxes, low-grade State services. High taxes, high-grade State services.

Look the facts squarely in the eye, then, and call for lower taxes if you wish. But realize what you are doing when you call.

Every time you demand lower taxes you are in reality demanding a less efficient government. (Do you think ours in South Carolina is too good for us?)

Every time you demand lower taxes you are in reality demanding a lower health rate and a higher death rate. (Do you think South Carolina has too few epidemics and too few dead babies?)

Every time you demand lower taxes you are in reality demanding rougher, ruttier, muddier and sandier roads. (Do you think we have too good roads and too many of them?)

Every time you demand lower taxes you are in reality demanding that less care and attention be taken of the deaf and the blind, of the feeble-minded, and of the insane. (Do you think South Carolina is doing too much for those upon whom the hand of affliction has been heavily and permanently laid?)

Every time you demand lower taxes you are in reality demanding that the door of the school house be shut in the face of some child or adult illiterate who has not had your chance at life's opportunities. (Have you not heard where South Carolina, your own home state, stands in illiteracy among her sister states of this republic?)

Yes, "lower taxes" means all that and more. It has an alluring sound, but it is the most plausible of all forms of self deception. Like the apples of Sodom, it is outwardly fair, but within it is full of ashes and bitterness.

Lower taxes means a lower South Carolina.—"R. S." in University Weekly News.

SITUATION BETTER MR. CRAIG THINKS

Tolerance and Cooperation Necessary Among Business Men.

Columbia.—"There never was a time in the history of South Carolina when there was a greater need for the solid business men of the State to keep their heads, look ahead with optimism and help each other than at present," said State Bank Examiner James H. Craig. If folks will only keep their heads level and work together the financial situation will readjust itself, is his firm conviction. Other and neighboring States have within the past few months had scores of bank failures, and perhaps no State has had fewer failures than South Carolina. Conditions in this State have been largely the same as in other cotton-growing States.

Mr. Craig thinks the worst is now over, as the banks and people have an appreciation of real conditions and that prospective borrowers appreciate that when some banks advise that they are not making new loans that does not mean trouble. Mr. Craig thinks the readjustment is in sight and has great hopes of the understanding that Governor Cooper and former Governor Manning have in mind with Mr. Earuch to bring new

money into the State on a strictly business basis.

Mr. Craig has been in the bank examiner's department for seven years, first as assistant and now for three years in actual charge. Deflation, as it is called, came all of a sudden and folks got panicky, and his chief undertaking has been to keep things in good shape. The record of only three failures in a year's time in these times, is the highest test of results. The most effective work of Mr. Craig has been in nursing back to real life and usefulness sick chickens. Sometimes this sickness has been imaginary—stage fright so to speak—but after it has been by persuasion or even coercion that he has made some officials realize their obligations and rehabilitate the banks. In some few instances consolidations or community bank help has been used, but always the central idea has been to keep the banks going, serve the communities and work things out. In only one bank in the State during the past year does Mr. Craig think the depositors will actually lose deposits and with three hundred active and going State banks, in these days of "deflation," that means much. What it means more than anything else, perhaps, is careful nursing and the extension of optimism, because unless there be crookedness the banks of South Carolina, national as well as State, are in god shape. The State banks have \$200,000,000.00. This does not include the large national banking institutions.

Mr. Craig visits every part of the State with which to finance cotton and better understanding of real conditions and that things will move along more normally because of this realization that there has got to be a spirit of toleration and cooperation. With fresh money coming into the State with which to finance cotton and close sailing Mr. Craig sees no reason why conditions should not actually improve.

HARRY BLEASE DEAD

Brother of Former Governor Dies at Newberry Home.

Harry H. Blease, well known citizen of Newberry, died suddenly at his home in that town last Friday night. He is survived by one brother, Cole L. Blease, of Columbia, one sister, Mrs. T. G. Williams, of Newberry; two half brothers, Mayor Eugene S. Blease and Sheriff Cannon G. Blease, of Newberry, and one half sister, Mrs. J. R. Eison, of Newberry.

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BINGHAM CONVICTED OF MURDER AND SENTENCED

Florence, March 28.—Edmund D. Bingham was today convicted of killing his brother, L. Smiley Bingham, last January and was sentenced by Judge Memminger to be electrocuted April 8. An appeal will be taken to the supreme court.

While the defendant was only tried for the killing of his brother, Mrs. Bingham, his mother, Mrs. Black, his sister, and two adopted children, were killed at the same time.

The defendant is a son of a former state senator and the case has excited considerable interest throughout the state. The trial consumed practically a week.

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