

WILL TEST POWER OF ADMINISTRATION

Harding to Call for Vote of Confidence in Congress on Debt-Funding Bill

WOULD SOLIDIFY PARTY

Washington, Jan. 9.—A move toward party solidarity and an effort to find ways and means of increasing the efficiency of the Republican Party in Congress, it was learned yesterday, was the two-fold purpose of the White House dinner Saturday night which brought together President Harding and a number of representative Republican leaders.

It may be said that the President has decided to call for a vote of confidence in his Administration. He has shown one of the most conservative tendencies in Congress. He will make the test on the Allied War Debt Funding Bill.

Mr. Harding was said to have indicated to his party associates there could be no more clear-cut issue than that offered by the Funding Bill. If the Republican Congress lacks enough confidence in the President and his Cabinet to decline to give an Administration commission of five men power to conduct negotiations looking to the funding of the \$10,000,000,000 owing to the United States, then Mr. Harding wants to know it now.

The fight will be precipitated at once. The test will come in the Senate. The House passed the Funding Bill some time ago. It will be the Administration's purpose to insist on Senate action on the House bill with the exception that the so-called seven-year limitation provision will be stricken out by the Finance Committee.

Such party managers as Senators Lodge, Brandegee, Watson and Curtis acknowledge no doubts as to the outcome. They are sure the President will win.

Advocates Separate Bonus Bill

It became known last night President Harding would not assent at the White House dinner to a plan of action which would have brought much additional strength to bear on the Senate for passage of the Funding Bill. He disagreed with the view of Senators Lodge, Watson and McCumber, on their suggestion to couple the Funding Bill with the soldier bonus legislation. They proposed to write the two measures as to provide that a sufficient amount of the proceeds from the sale of the allied war bonds in this country should go for the cash payments under the "adjusted compensation" scheme.

It is well known the Administration, on receiving from the Allies their bonds in exchange of the treasury notes now held for the war advances, intended offering them for sale in this country, with the accompanying guarantee, of course, of the United States Treasury.

The President was not ready to agree that the conclusion of the funding negotiations and the actual receipt of the bonds in this country would be certain as to warrant the Administration making the bonus promise to the former service men.

\$250,000,000 in First Payment

It was urged that the total amount of 80 per cent of the proceeds of the cash bonus would be \$250,000,000 and that was a sum which could be met easily, although as an added measure of caution the date of the first payment might be deferred a few months to insure conclusion of the funding negotiations. The President thought it unwise to risk the danger of a hitch which might force the Government to disappoint the servicemen.

Mr. Harding was not outspoken in his opposition to a suggestion that the Bonus Bill carry provision for payments first out of the proceeds to foreign bonds or from sales tax. He did not approve that specifically. His advisers insisted the imposition of a sales tax, even though it were to be labeled a bonus tax, would be dangerous to Republican success in the 1922 congressional elections. Party policy will be determined shortly. Disposal of the Newberry case will be followed by action on the Funding Bill. The bonus legislation will be next.

The conversation developed a difference of opinion over the advisability of procedure through party conferences in both House and Senate. Senators Lodge and Brandegee were opposed to Senate conferences. They argued that such meetings gave malcontents a chance to attack the transaction and resulted in newspapers reporting lack of party unity. That view was challenged by Senators Watson and Curtis, who held the public knew perfectly well there was no party unity in the Senate, but that instead of such disagreements taking place in party conferences they were aired on the Senate floor.

WATSON HAS TAX BILL

Pennsylvanian Found Sales-Tax Plan Popular in Canada

Washington, Jan. 9.—Representative Watson's sales tax bill will be held before the Ways and Means Committee of the House in connection with the plans considered for raising funds with which to pay a bonus. He believes the tax will prove popular here, as he found it in Canada, where he went during the holidays to study its operation.

"I found that at the manufacturers I talked to in Canada were very much pleased with it," he said. "The sales tax there is becoming more and more popular as it is being understood."

Mr. Watson, who is a Pennsylvanian, may revise his bill later. He said today he was in favor of exempting initial footwear from the tax. The measure he has in mind would raise, he said, enough revenue to make possible the repeal of all taxes except those raised from the tariff and liquor.

After-Dinner Tricks

No. 54—The Changing Postage Stamp
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WEDDING GIFTS SENT BACK

\$100,000 McCormick-Baker Presents Returned to Donors
Chicago, Jan. 9.—The wealth of wedding gifts that have reposed in an alcove of the Baker residence ever since Miss Mary Landon Baker called off the ceremony after friends were at the church last Monday were returned to the donors yesterday.

Inserted in the packages, many of them still unopened in their crisp white tissue papers, was a tiny card bearing the following inscription: "Thanking you for your kindness."

The value of the hundreds of wedding presents that deluged the Baker home at 1130 Lake Shore Drive was approximately \$100,000. They included a beautiful diamond tiara from Mrs. Hamilton McCormick, mother of the prospective bridegroom.

Alister H. McCormick, the prospective bridegroom, announced today that he would sail for Europe next month. He declined to discuss the wedding plans, which have been set for next spring in London by Miss Baker.

KILLED BY HER TWIN SISTER

Little Girl Shot in Abdomen Dies in Atlantic City Hospital
Atlantic City, Jan. 9.—Edith Demuth, the five-year-old Missipah girl who was shot in the abdomen by her twin sister Josie, on Saturday, died today in the Atlantic City Hospital.

The mother, who was called away from home for a few hours, left the two little girls playing about the house. Tiring of their game, Josie came across a loaded rifle belonging to their brother.

Not knowing what she was doing, she pulled the trigger.

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