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### HARDING OBTAINS INSIDE ADVICE ON MEXICO PROBLEM

W. S. Dickey, Who Conferred With Obregon, Gives Latter's Views.

RECOGNITION AS BASIS

Southern Executive Willing to Accede to U. S. Terms Afterward.

HAYS IS ALSO A CALLER

President-Elect Has Not Decided on Date of Calling Special Session.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. MARION, Ohio, Jan. 17.—One of the first problems with which Mr. Harding will have to deal when he assumes office will be America's relations with Mexico. Interposed with further consideration of Cabinet plans to-day he got some first hand information on economic and social conditions in the southern republic.

One of his callers was Walter S. Dickey of Kansas City, one time Republican State chairman of Missouri, a man of large business interests, who has been mentioned for a place in the Cabinet, either as Secretary of the Interior or the Department of Commerce.

Mr. Dickey was in Mexico City at the time of the inauguration of President Obregon. He had two conferences with the Mexican Executive at that time, in which he had opportunity to learn in an unofficial way something of Obregon's feelings toward the United States Government and the American people generally. President Obregon talked with Mr. Dickey quite frankly, not only as a representative American, but as a business man with extensive interests in that country, and Mr. Harding had the benefit of Mr. Dickey's information and interpretation of President Obregon's attitude.

Summed up, this is that Obregon is intensely desirous of early recognition by the United States. He is willing to accede to the obvious conditions that America would exact, but cannot appreciate why America should insist on proof of his ability to meet those conditions before recognition is granted. He would be willing to repeal or nullify the objectionable retroactive clause in the Mexican constitution with respect to subsoil rights if recognition is given, but he wants the recognition first.

The difficulties in the situation, Mr. Dickey believes, are not insuperable. Obregon, he believes, is well intentioned, respected and capable. Negotiations undertaken with a full knowledge of facts and conditions, he thinks, might remove Mexican affairs from the list of foreign relationships that have to be adjusted.

Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican National Committee, was here at Senator Harding's invitation. Mr. Hays took occasion to deny emphatically reports that have been published to the effect that friction existed between himself and Harry Daugherty over party affairs.

"Never has there been finer cooperation between two men than between Mr. Daugherty and myself," Mr. Hays said. Mr. Harding, when asked regarding a report from Washington that he would call Congress in special session on April 4, said no date had been decided, and he would not fix a date until he had conferred with Congressional leaders. The tariff bill and other measures that call for immediate consideration will make an early session necessary, but the actual date will not be announced until after inauguration, although doubtless it will be some time early in April.

Senator and Mrs. Harding went to Cleveland this afternoon to make purchases and attend to personal affairs before leaving for Florida the end of the week. They were accompanied by Mr. Hays and Charles D. Hillis of New York, who, with ex-Gov. Frank O. Lowden, made up the day's visiting list.

### Thousands Pay Tribute At Grave of Franklin

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—Thousands of Philadelphians who daily pass the iron gates that protect the entrance to Christ Church burial grounds in the wholesale business district of Philadelphia without glancing inside to-day paused to have a look and pay tribute to Benjamin Franklin, whose grave and that of his wife are just within the gates. The 215th anniversary of Franklin's birth was widely observed by many organizations in the city.

### HARDING OPPOSES 'STOP GAP' TARIFF

House Members Believe He Will Insist on Carefully Prepared Bill.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Members of the House Ways and Means Committee, who have conferred with President-elect Harding during the last few days, returned from Marion with the distinct impression that he is strongly opposed to proposals that the Payne-Aldrich tariff law of 1909 be re-enacted early in the next session of the next Congress as "stop-gap" tariff revision.

Mr. Harding, according to the House members, believes tariff revision should be the result of a careful study of world conditions to-day to make certain that whatever revisions are decided upon will accrue to the benefit of the United States. In other words, it must be the result of calm deliberation. As the hearings of tariff revision progress the magnitude of the task becomes more apparent. The possibility of retaliatory measures by other nations to extremely high duties, particularly Canada, which exports large quantities of print paper, is being given more serious consideration. It apparently is the wish of the President-elect that all such matters should be weighed carefully, because of possible consequences.

Chairman of the Ways and Means committee said to-day that Mr. Harding probably would call the special session about a month after his inauguration. He said he did not mean that the date had been definitely set for April 4, but that there is indication it will be near that date.

Mr. Harding has indicated that the date will be determined in a conference soon after inauguration, but it is known that most of the Republican leaders in Congress will recommend April 4. That would make an Easter recess interrupting the work of the new Congress unnecessary and give opportunity for preparation of the new tariff and revenue bills. The House could proceed with expedition of these two measures while the Senate was considering the peace problem.

### HARDING, UNRECOGNIZED SHOPS IN CLEVELAND

He and His Wife Not Identified by Street Crowds.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 17.—President-elect Harding came to Cleveland this afternoon on personal business and succeeded in making his way about the downtown section for several hours unrecognized by street crowds.

Accompanied by Mrs. Harding, the President-elect made the trip from Marion in an ordinary parlor car attached to a regular train. So carefully had they and their plans to escape attention that they got away from the railroad station here as quietly as ordinary travelers, and to-night some of their closest friends here had not learned of their presence.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding immediately after their arrival were taken directly downtown in a closed Secret Service automobile. After a circuit of several shops and offices they went to a hotel where they dined privately and remained over night. They will leave for Marion early to-morrow forenoon.

### ANNAPOLIS NURSE SLAIN IN REVENGE

This Theory Most Favored in Beating to Death of Miss Kavanaugh.

SUSPECTS ARE FREED

Murderer Believed Within the Academy Grounds—Mental Defective Seen.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 17.—The slayer of Harriet M. Kavanaugh, Naval Hospital nurse, who was beaten to death here last Friday night on the Naval Academy grounds, was a man of slight build, short and by no means powerful. He killed the woman out of revenge for some imagined injury, and, if he was an attaché of the Government reservation, he still is within its boundaries.

Beginning to-night, the naval board of inquiry, directed by Commander Washburn of Washington and augmented by Department of Justice agents, will work along the lines of this theory. This policy followed a process of eliminating suspects, including Henry Brown, the negro deserter, who practically has convinced the investigators of their innocence. The negroes who had been under suspicion have been eliminated, and as Miss Kavanaugh was known to be a rather settled woman the theory of an enraged admirer as the slayer is viewed as preposterous. The motive for the crime possibly may have been robbery, in view of the disappearance of the victim's purse and a newly purchased silver pencil, but the thief could not have been a professional, for he overlooked the most valuable of possible loot—a diamond ring Miss Kavanaugh was wearing.

The most acceptable theory is that of revenge, for some imagined wrong. In this case, the criminal hardly could have been other than some person attached to the grounds. Logically, this person came in contact with the nurse while in the hospital.

Gov. Ritchie to-day proffered the assistance of the Baltimore detectives in the case. Admiral Scates, after receiving the message, said: "The authorities gladly will make use of the Baltimore city detectives if there is any need. In fact, they have already assisted us. The matter is entirely in the hands of the agents of the Department of Justice and out of my personal supervision."

The body of Miss Kavanaugh was buried this morning in the Naval Cemetery, within a hundred yards of the point where she was murdered.

### BOMB KILLS TWO IN TAXI STRIKE WAR

Explodes in Garage of Quaker City Company, Whose Drivers Are Out.

16 SUSPECTS ARRESTED

City Officials Order Police Back on Cabs as Protective Measure.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—Two employees of the Quaker City Taxicab Company were killed to-night by the explosion of a bomb, presumably placed in one of the cabs by striking drivers, whose campaign of violence has resulted in injuries to eleven persons and property damage approximating \$75,000. Several other drivers who were in the company's main garage at Twelfth and Vine streets when the explosion occurred were slightly injured.

The dead are Perry H. Dean, an inspector, and James S. McKee, a driver, of Maddisonfield, N. J. Four other employees of the company suffered slight injuries from the tremendous shock of the bomb. Police were ordered returned as guards on the cabs to-night. A policeman was detailed to each taxicab after the first outrages of the strike. Two weeks ago, however, following a lull in the outbreaks, Mayor Moore ordered police officials to remove the guards. Director Cortelyou and Superintendent Mills held a conference to-night and ordered the return of the police guards.

Police formed a cordon around the area after the explosion. They raided two poolrooms where strikers were known to have loafed. Sixteen men were arrested as suspicious characters. Search, however, revealed nothing that would indicate connection with the campaign of

violence that has raged since 400 of the men walked out November 1. Richard Curran took a cab out of the garage this afternoon, carrying fares from the centre of the city to West Philadelphia. He stopped at the West Philadelphia station, leaving the cab alone about half an hour. An hour later he noticed the motor was out of order and returned to the garage for repairs. Since the outbreak of the strike all cabs have been examined before they are allowed to enter the garage. Curran, however, drove inside and reported. Dean, who had been detailed to inspect the cabs as they entered, looked about inside the car as Curran was walking toward his cab with a motor inspector. As they approached Dean lifted a long black object and asked Curran if it belonged to him. Amid cries to "Drop it!" from all over the garage Curran answered negatively, and Dean began to shake the package suspiciously. There was a terrible explosion. McKee, who was near Dean, was knocked over. Dean toppled to the floor. Both men were rushed to Hahnemann Hospital. Surgeons said McKee had died as he fell to the floor. Dean died in the hospital.

### PLOT TO SELL GIRLS CHARGED.

Eight Armenians Arrested in Immigration Case.

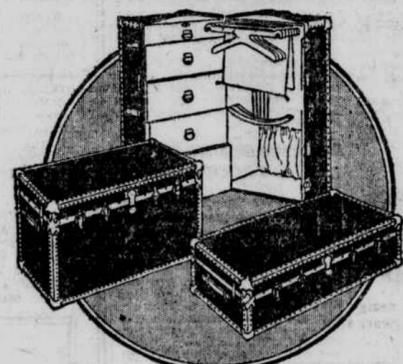
FRESNO, Cal., Jan. 17.—The arrest of seven Armenian girls and a prominent Armenian rancher of Lone Star, near here, revealed to-day, according to George W. Moore, United States Immigration Commissioner, a plot by which Armenian girls are brought into the United States and sold to the highest bidder. Moore, who has been working on the case for several months, said in one instance a young Armenian inspected the girls held for sale and paid a deposit on one who pleased him. The Commissioner declared the case was typical of many in which the girls were made marriage slaves.

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### FORD'S NET GAIN 1,283.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Record of the Ford-Newberry vote in Kent county, Michigan, was begun to-day by the State Elections Committee. Results of the count announced at noon gave Ford a net gain of 1,283 in 992 precincts out of 2,222 in the State.

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