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PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN HARDING'S MESSAGE

Emergency Tariff; Separate Peace With Central Powers; Rejection of League of Nations Favored.

Washington, April 12.—Amid all the impressive solemnity that marks a presidential appearance before a joint session of congress, President Harding went before the assembled house and senate Tuesday afternoon and gave the nation and the world the first authoritative outline of the new administration's policies in foreign and domestic matters.

The foreign policy which the president outlined definitely "scraps" the League of Nations as it now exists, and declared that the United States can never become a member of it.

To set the nation back on a peace basis, the president declared that he would approve a congressional resolution to this effect, provided it contained no more than the simple declaration that the state of war which has existed between the United States and Germany for four years is at an end.

While the president was emphatic in his assertion that the United States will have none of the League of Nations in its present form, he did not wholly reject the treaty which former President Wilson interwove in the treaty. With regard to the treaty itself, the president left the door open for future development.

Following are President Harding's principal recommendations:

Foreign Relations

No separate treaties with the central powers "on the assumption alone that these would be adequate." "The wiser course would seem to be to engage under the existing treaty, assuming, of course, that this can be satisfactorily accomplished, by such explicit reservations and modifications as will secure our absolute freedom of inalienable commitments and safeguard all our essential interests. No helpful society of nations can be founded on justice and committed to peace until the covenants re-establishing peace are sealed by the nations which were at war."

Taxation

Readjustment of internal taxes and revision or repeal "of those taxes which have become unproductive and are so artificial and burdensome as to defeat their own purpose."

Tariff

Instant tariff enactment, "emergency in character and understood by our people that it is for the emergency only."

Railroads

Efficient operation "at a cost within that which the traffic can bear. Railroads and costs of operation must be reduced. The remaining obstacles which are the heritage of capitalistic exploitation must be removed and labor must join management in understanding that the public, which pays, is the public to be served, and simple justice is the right and will continue to be the right of all the people."

Good Roads

The strengthening of laws governing federal aid.

Merchant Marine

"The United States means to establish and maintain a great merchant marine."

Communications

"Private monopolies tending to prevent the development of needed facilities should be prohibited. Government owned facilities, wherever possible without unduly interfering with private enterprise or government needs, should be made available for general usage."

Aviation

Regulation by the federal government and encouragement of aviation for development for military and civil purposes.

Service Men

"The American people expect congress unflinchingly to voice the sentiments of the republic in a generous and practical way to its de-

fenders in the World War." The immediate extension and utilization of government hospital facilities to "bring relief to the acute conditions most complained of."

Public Welfare

Co-ordination of various government agencies now working on the subject and indorsement of the pending maternity bill.

Lynching

"Congress ought to wipe the stain of barbaric lynchings from the banners of a free and orderly representative democracy. A proposal for a commission with representatives of white and black races to study and report on the subject," the president said, "has real merit."

Army and Navy

Early consideration of pending appropriation bills was urged. "The government is in accord with the wish to eliminate the burdens of heavy armament," said the president. "The United States will ever be in harmony with such a movement toward the higher attainment of peace. But we shall not entirely discard our agencies for defense until there is removed the need to defend. We are ready to co-operate with other nations who approximate disarmament, but merest prudence forbids that we disarm alone."

National Finance

"The staggering load of war debt must be cared for in orderly funding and gradual liquidation. We shall hasten the solution and aid effectively in lifting the tax burden if we strike resolutely at expenditure."

Administration

Enactment of a national budget system and general reductions by efficient management of the cost of government.

Business

"Less of government in business as well as more business in government. There is no challenge to honest and lawful business success. But government approval of fortunate, untrammelled business does not mean toleration of restraint of trade or of maintained prices by unnatural methods. Anxious as we are to restore the onward flow of business it is fair to combine assurance and warning in one utterance."

Agriculture

"The maintained retail costs in perishable foods cannot be justified. Reduced costs of basic production have been recorded but high cost of living has not yielded in like proportion. Without the spirit of hostility or haste in accusation of profiteering some suitable inquiry by congress might speed the price readjustment to normal relationship, with helpfulness to both producer and consumer. A measuring rod of fair prices will satisfy the country and give us a business revival to end all depression and unemployment."

These were the principal subjects touched on in the address, which was about 7,500 words in length and a large portion of which was devoted to the related subjects of peace, the League of Nations and the country's foreign policy.

Four States Will Rebuild

We are advised by Mr. V. L. Baer, manager for the Four States Seed Company at Clayton, that his company will rebuild the elevator recently destroyed by fire. Mr. Baer is not sure when the work of rebuilding will start, but is of the opinion that it will be in the very near future.

Bell Filling Station Changes Hands

A deal was closed the first of this month whereby Jim Utterback became the owner of the Bell filling station. Mr. Utterback is well and favorably known in Clayton and Union county, and we predict a most successful business for him in this new enterprise.

Presbyterian Missionary Society

The Presbyterian Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. W. B. Plunkett Tuesday afternoon of next week at 3 o'clock. All members are urged to be present. Visitors are welcome.

PARENTS FEAR CHILD WAS DEVoured BY WOLVES

Child Lost in Wilds of Red River Canyon; Searching Parties With Dogs Fail to Find Trace.

Tucuman, N. M. April 14.—With the fear that little Edgar, their three-year-old son, may have been devoured by gaunt, hungry wolves of the Red River Canyon region, or that he may have dropped to his death down some deep declivity, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spencer of Mills, from whom their baby boy wandered away while they were picnicking with friends Sunday, are frantic with grief that friends have not the power to allay.

Early Tuesday morning blood-hounds were put on the trail of the baby, followed by hundreds of neighbors and friends, but up to Wednesday afternoon the only find was a little coat worn by the missing child, discovered only a short distance from where he was last seen Sunday afternoon. Tiny tracks of the unfortunate little wanderer were found at a considerable distance from the point where he separated from his parents and their party, clearly defined in the sand, but that is all so far.

People from over the county have joined in the hunt, and each succeeding hour renders less probable that the little fellow will be found alive. The child's "the nights in the open would render improbable his survival. Viewed in the light of an alternative to almost certain death, the parents' chief hopes in recovering their little one alive is that he may have been kidnaped.

Worn by their long vigil and torn with the intensity of their grief, the distracted parents have telegraphed for relatives, and these are expected from a number of points by earliest trains. Mr. Spencer is a prominent produce man of Mills, and he and his wife with their little son had joined an outing party for a picnic in the Red-River Canyon Sunday.

Late during the afternoon they missed the baby, and all through the long night the fruitless search continued up and down, around the deep canyon walls ranging from a few hundred feet to two thousand feet deep, through passes and into caverns, but no trace was found.

The blood-hounds were put on the trail with hundreds of sympathetic friends behind them, taking up the hunt. Tuesday and Tuesday night led the anxious ones into a searching party enlarged through the spread of the news, and at nightfall today (Wednesday) all efforts to locate the missing little one have proven unavailing. Preparation are now complete to carry the search on through tonight in the deep, haunting shadows of the canyon.

Union County Red Cross Report

Report of the Home Service Section, Union County Chapter, A. R. C., for three months ending April 1, 1921:

Number of soldier cases handled, 79.
Civilian cases, 17.
Compensation cases, (new) 8
Compensation cases, (old) 8
Public Health Service, 17.
Vocational, 8.
Locate missing soldiers, 2.
Insurance inquiries, 1.
Affidavits to collect back pay, 1.
Requests for loans, 4.
Miscellaneous, 12.

Total, 155.
Amount spent for soldier relief, \$254.
Amount spent for civilian relief, \$45.90.

Marion Dodds has been placed in training at Ft. Collins, Colorado. Of the twenty-five who have been placed in training, he is the fourth from Union county to be placed in this school. The others who are here at present are Leo McGee, John L. Johnson, and Leonard Johnson.

NORMA PADDOCK,
Secretary.

Judge Holds Special Session

District Judge T. D. Lieb began a short special session of district court Tuesday for the purpose of clearing up several civil matters which he was unable to reach during the regular term. Hearing of the Charlton-Benderson case will begin this afternoon.

Town and County Sued by Denver Man

C. W. Cook of Denver, wealthy oil man with interests in Breckenridge, Texas, landed in Clayton late Wednesday afternoon driving a brand new Jordan Six automobile, enroute to Texas, but was detained here for several hours by the sheriff's office. Mr. Cook was ordered to park his car in one of the local garages, and the garage was given orders to hold it until released by the sheriff. Town Marshal Spring went through the gentleman's grips in "search of what he could find" but found nothing that the gentleman had not a perfect right to have.

Deputy Sheriff Howard was soon convinced that they had the wrong man, and at about that time a telegram from Denver cleared up the situation and Mr. Cook was permitted to proceed on his journey to the land of Texas.

Mr. Cook stated to The News man Thursday morning that he felt he had been done a great injustice, inasmuch as the sheriff had no warrant for his arrest, and the town marshal had no authority to search his grip or any of his personal property; and he had made arrangements with Attorney Easterwood to file suit against both the town and county.

Booze Spring All Corked in Dawson; Enforcement Agent Puts Lid On

Nestling in the hills of northern New Mexico, about three miles from the Colorado state-line, is a mining town, which, for a short period prior to last year, might have served as an understudy for the mining camps Bret Harte described in his stories of early California life.

But there were no prohibition officers in Bret Harte's time. The booze flowed with abandon until the "pay dirt" played out.

In Dawson the mines still are being worked as effectively as ever, yet the booze spring has been corked. It was the work of Robert E. Perkins, prohibition enforcement agent in charge of the New Mexico district.

When Perkins paid a visit to the thriving mining village, he found "moonshine" whiskey easily procurable. Even some of the soft drink dispensers were selling the mixture over the counter, and it was evident that many stills were operating in the vicinity. He remained in the neighborhood three days, tracing the village tipples to their source of supply. Then he obtained the assistance of deputy sheriffs and of the United States-marshal for the district and began a wholesale clean up of the town.

The result: Seizure of four thousand gallons of newly made corn whiskey, two thousand gallons of corn mash and nine stills, six of which were in operation. Twenty-four persons were arrested and taken to Baton, where complaints were filed against them.

At the figure for which the products sold at Dawson, the whiskey seized was valued at \$64,000, or \$16 a gallon, and the mash at \$8,000, or \$1 a gallon. With the stills, the total seizure was valued at \$75,000.

Dawson has a population of about 2,000, most of the inhabitants being foreigners, Slavs and Poles predominating.

Mr. Perkins was in El Paso yesterday to confer with James Shevlin, supervising director of prohibition for the border district.—El Paso (Texas) Times.

American Legion Picnic

Members of the Fred L. Tuttle Post, American Legion, enjoyed a splendid picnic at the old Porter ranch on the Seneca last Sunday. The picnic was given in honor of those who took part in the Legion play which was given several weeks ago. The town truck was used in transporting the cats, which were prepared under the direction of Perry Miller, Post Commander.

Mr. Kirby of the Pioneer garage, was initiated into the order, and all who attended report a most enjoyable time. Members of the Legion will stage another play in the near future, which will be welcomed by the people of Clayton.

Every time prices start to tumble some one comes to the rescue and props 'em up again. Some people never can learn when to keep still.

CLAYTON JAIL BREAKER SHOT IN OKLAHOMA

Heirholzer Seriously Wounded in Unsuccessful Attempt to Hold Up Oklahoma Bank.

Sheriff Roberts handed us a newspaper clipping the first of the week which gave a complete account of an attempted bank robbery at Salt Springs, Oklahoma, where Heirholzer, one of the men who broke jail in Clayton a few months ago, was shot and seriously wounded while attempting to hold up the bank all alone. Heirholzer was being held at Clayton charged with stealing automobiles, at the time he made his escape. He was traced by Sheriff Roberts to Woodward, Oklahoma, where all his companions were captured, he alone managing to escape the officers. This will doubtless be his last attempt at robbery as his condition is said to be serious.

Salt Springs is in Harper county, Oklahoma, about sixty miles north and west of Woodward.

MCCARLEY—WRENN

On Saturday afternoon, April 9, at the Du Bose M. E. Church, South, Mr. Bristol McCarley and Miss Charley Wrenn were united in marriage. Rev. L. E. Gonkin, officiating.

The bride is the sister of Mrs. L. E. Gonkin, and is teaching in the county. The groom is a well known farmer of the Thomas community.

The young people have a host of friends in and near Clayton who wish for them a long and happy wedded life.

Small Cyclone Damages Property Near Otto

We are advised by people from the Otto community that a young cyclone struck that part of the country late Thursday afternoon, doing considerable damage to property. The barn of Mr. Pond, who lives on the Osborn place about three miles east of Otto school-house, was partly destroyed, and one of his cows badly crippled; also several outbuildings and the windmill on an adjoining farm were blown down. The wind covered a distance of several miles and it is thought did considerable other damage that has not yet been reported.

President Will Present Radium to Madame Curie

Washington, April 14.—At the request of Vice President Coolidge, the president and Mrs. Harding agreed today to present to Madame Marie Curie, the Polish scientist who is to visit this country next month, \$100,000 worth of radium purchased by popular subscription of American women, for her use in research work along curative lines. Madame Curie is poor in this world's goods, and in an interview several months ago she expressed it as her dearest wish to possess a few grains of the world's most valuable substance that her genius gave to mankind. American women immediately started a popular subscription for the purpose of purchasing and presenting to the discoverer of radium a small amount of the substance.

The presentation will take place at the White House on May 20. Madame Curie who with her husband, now dead, announced the discovery in 1898, is coming to America, primarily, to investigate pitchblende deposits in Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and other states.

Western States to Tell Hughes View on Anti-Alien Question

Washington, April 14.—Steps to lay before Secretary of State Hughes a joint expression of the views of western states having anti-alien land ownership laws before treaty negotiations with Japan are completed, were taken here last night by the members of the California delegation in congress. The Californians prepared a joint letter to the delegations from Washington, Nevada, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, and Oklahoma, proposing a general meeting to discuss the subject with Mr. Hughes.

Mrs. R. W. Isaacs and children returned Friday of last week from Galveston, Texas, after an absence of several months. Mr. Isaacs is still at Galveston and will remain there for some time, as he believes the low altitude and sea breeze is restoring his health.