

## HARDING RETURNS FROM PANAMA CANAL TRIP

### PRESIDENT-ELECT BACK ON SOIL OF AMERICA

Harding Party Arrives Today at Newport News, From Trip to Panama Canal and Vacation in Texas.

### GLAD TO BE BACK AT HOME AGAIN

Will Speak Sunday at Elks' Memorial Service and be in Washington Early Monday for Opening of Congress.

(By Raymond Clapper, United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
NEWPORT NEWS, Virginia, Dec. 4.—President-elect Harding set foot on American soil today, bringing to a close a month's vacation, spent in Texas and at Panama.

The Pastores, the ship on which Harding came from Panama, arrived in Newport News early today. Soon after Harding and his party left the ship, coming ashore at 10:30.

A huge welcome had been prepared for the president-elect. Twenty-five air planes and hydroplanes circled over his ship and over the shore as he landed. Three big naval dirigibles also plowed their way above the Harding ship.

Immediately after he landed, Harding was taken on a tour of the big ship yards and naval establishment to be followed later by an address at the Academy of Music and a luncheon.

The Harding party will then board a destroyer and go to Norfolk, where the president-elect will attend a business men's dinner and probably will make a short address.

Harding will go from Norfolk to Bedford, Virginia, where he will speak at the Elks' memorial service tomorrow. He plans to reach Washington early Monday and be on hand for the opening of congress Monday noon.

Harding was in high spirits at the end of his trip and showed the benefits of his month's vacation.

Both he and Mrs. Harding expressed their joy at "being home again." The president-elect is eager to get back to Washington and get matters cleared up so he can return to Marion.

### PREPARATIONS FOR LANDING

(By Raymond Clapper, United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
ABOARD STEAMSHIP PASTORES, Dec. 4.—(By wireless)—President-elect Harding made preparations to land today at Norfolk, Va., where he will speak in the Tabernacle.

Harding expects the conference of political leaders which begins at Marion December 13 to be concluded before the Christmas holidays.

Then the president-elect intends to visit Florida, during January. It was the impression of those close to Harding that he will not visit President Wilson when he reaches Washington, and that he will address the senate on Monday only if invited to do so.

### FAVORS GREAT NAVY

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 4.—Speaking within a few miles of America's greatest naval bases, President-elect Harding today declared for a "navy equal to the greatness of this nation."

Harding's speech was delivered in the academy of music here a few hours after he landed from his ship, the Pastores, on which he came from Panama.

Harding also expressed the hope that the world would soon reach approximate disarmament, but added: "Until that time I want an American navy equal to the greatness of this nation."

The president-elect warned of difficult times ahead as a result of the world war.

### MARGARET IS ENGAGED

Announcement Soon to Be Made of Approaching Wedding of Prince of Wales and Princess of Denmark.

(United Press Leased Wire Service.)  
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 4.—Engagement of the Prince of Wales to Princess Margaret, of Denmark, will be announced soon, it was rumored here today.

(Princess Margaret is the youngest child of Prince Valdemar of Denmark. Her full name is Princess Margaret Francoise Louise Marie Helene. She is a cousin of King Christian of Denmark and was born September 17, 1895. The princess resides at Copenhagen.

Margaret's mother, who died in 1909, was Princess Marie, of the French royal house of Orleans. She

was a Catholic and Margaret has taken her mother's faith. The question of whether she would have to become a protestant before marrying the Prince of Wales would have to be decided by the British government.)

### STORY IS DENIED

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The entourage of the Prince of Wales today denied there was any truth in the rumors that he was engaged to Princess Margaret of Denmark, or that such an engagement was to be announced soon.

### NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER

(United Press Leased Wire Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Forecast for period of December sixth to eleventh inclusive:

Region of the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Generally fair and normal temperatures.

Shoes worn by some Chinese women are only five inches long.

### IOWA GIRL WINS PRIZES AT LIVE STOCK SHOW

She is Only Fourteen But Has Fine Cows, Ponies, Lamb and Pig.

(United Press Leased Wire Service.)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Girls make just as good stock raisers as men, according to Josephine Garden, fourteen year old grammar school student, of Wapello, Iowa, who amazed experienced stock breeders at the international stock show here when her entries carried off prizes in two events.

Josephine, owner of a stock farm with nine head on it, has been caring for stock three years and believes it is a business for any healthy young woman. In the three years she has been running her farm, Miss Garden has won many prizes, one of them being the grand championship for short horn steers at the Iowa state

fair in 1918. Prizes won at the show here were the second awards in the heifer calf and jumbo bull calf classes.

"It's hard work, but a lot of fun," the girl told the United Press. "I take care of my stock before and after school hours. It means getting up at six in the morning, but that's easy after you get used to it."

Miss Garden's stock consists of five cows, two ponies, one lamb and a pig. Josephine said she prepared all her own entries for stock shows. No men are allowed the job of "doling up" her "pets."

"I manure them myself," she said. The work of manuring, she said, consisted of going over the entries with comb and brush and finishing it off with a regular manure for the feet. Using a sharp knife, Miss Garden said she cuts away the dirt, washes the hoofs in soap and water and then gives a bright luster to them by a good rubbing with nail polish.

### MAYOR'S WIDOW ARRIVES

Mrs. Terence Mac Swiney Met by Great Crowd, Wearing Mourning Bands on Arms.

### FLAGS OF SINN FEIN

Progress Up Fifth Avenue Was Like Triumphal Procession, People Eager to See Her.

(United Press Leased Wire Service.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Received in impressive silence by a crowd of Sinn Fein sympathizers, wearing mourning bands on their arms, and carrying Sinn Fein flags, Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the lord mayor of Cork, landed today from the White Star liner Celtic and went in an automobile to the Saint Regis hotel.

Mrs. MacSwiney was accompanied by Mary MacSwiney, her sister-in-law.

She came to this country to testify before the commission formed by the New York Nation, weekly magazine, to investigate the Irish situation.

In anticipation of trouble at the pier several hundred policemen were on hand. They held the crowd back to the sidewalks. Some, however, clustered around the automobile as Mrs. MacSwiney entered it. The "silent welcome" continued until just as the automobile procession started when there was an outburst of cheering.

A big delegation was on hand to greet the widow. Eamonn De Valera was represented by Harry Boland, his secretary. Representatives of all the longshoremen's unions in the city acted as an honor guard as Mrs. MacSwiney walked from the gang plank to the car. A police escort of motorcycle men accompanied her to the hotel.

There was a crowd all along the route and many times Mrs. MacSwiney was greeted with handclapping or by silent doffing of hats by the men. Many Sinn Fein flags were in evidence. Peddlars did a rushing business selling mourningbands, flags and buttons bearing MacSwiney's picture. The line of march was well policed.

Mrs. MacSwiney's progress up Fifth avenue was like a triumphal procession. The crowds were dense all along the way. They frequently broke through police lines and ran along beside her automobile cheering wildly. At every halt, hundreds fought to get near her. A double row of motorcycle police rode on each side of her car. Several times policemen were knocked from their motorcycles by the crowd in its eagerness to reach her side.

Passing the Union club where Sinn Feiners smashed windows Thanksgiving day because a British flag was displayed, the escort of longshoremen who thronged the windows looking out at the parade. The marchers defiantly waved their Sinn Fein flags at the club while the noise of hissing and boating ran all down the line. Mrs. MacSwiney peered out of her auto in an interested manner. There was another crowd at the hotel where she was greeted with echoing cheers and applause. Once she left her car to kiss six children dressed in green who stood at the curb. Again, when the throng surged close, she threw roses at them. The people fought for the flowers.

### WILSON'S MESSAGE COMPLETED

(United Press Leased Wire Service.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—President Wilson will receive a committee which will call with formal notification that congress is in session, it was said at the white house today.

There is as yet no indication, however, as to whether the president will deliver his message in person. He desires to, but Dr. Grayson has advised against it.

The message is practically complete, but has not gone to the printer.

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

(United Press Leased Wire Service.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Little change was manifested in the opening of foreign exchange today. Sterling was unchanged at \$2.404; francs 0600, off 0002; lire 0359, off 0001; Danish dollars 8576, unchanged; Canadian kroner 0390; marks 0140, off 0001.

### FLEEING WOMAN "RIDING ALONE"

Clara Smith Hamon Well Able to Take Care of Herself in Escaping Authorities.

### SHE IS CUNNING ENOUGH

Law Firm Has Been Retained to Defend Her in Court, in Case She is Caught by Officials.

(United Press Leased Wire Service.)  
ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 4.—Clara Smith Hamon, fleeing from the charge of murdering Jake Hamon, politician and promoter, is "riding alone" in the belief of authorities here today.

While the woman may have had assistance in leaving Ardmore, after the shooting, investigation by Russell Brown, county attorney, and others attempting to trace the woman's flight across the southwestern oil fields towards the Mexican border has led to the conviction that she has proceeded without help of friends since leaving here.

The woman has lived her entire life among the southwest adventurers of the Jake Hamon type and she knows well the country through which she fled. That she will be well able to take care of herself was the belief expressed here.

Rearred in an atmosphere where the tales of the fights of such desperadoes as Al Jennings are repeated with the most reverence, Clara Smith Hamon knows the way of the fleeing criminal and officials believe she is cunning enough to know that the fewer persons she has aiding her, the greater her chance of escape. The only trace of the woman since she left Ardmore came through a taxi-chauffeur who claimed she placed her confidence in him and told him her story. Publication of the chauffeur's story has again warned the woman that she must not take any one into her confidence, but must make her flight alone, authorities claim.

That if the woman is found, and evidence produced which will tend to show her guilty of the shooting, a strong effort will be made to justify the act, was indicated today.

The law firm of Mathers and Coakley was retained the day after the alleged shooting to defend her. Mathers was elected prosecuting attorney at the last election and will take office the first of the year. Announcement from the firm said Mathers would defend the woman if she is brought to trial and would name Brown as special prosecutor to conduct the state's case. The announcement said if Hamon had not died, Mathers would have vigorously prosecuted the statutory charges placed against the couple.

Frank L. Ketch, business manager for Hamon, who is now in Fort Worth, is on a business mission in no way connected with the search for Mrs. Hamon, according to belief of officials here. Ketch is accompanied by Hamon's son, Mrs. Hamon and her daughter, with several friends, are enroute to their Chicago home.

No word has been received by authorities here of the results of ex-

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### TO BRING PEACE IN IRELAND

Quiet Negotiations in Progress Between Premier of England and Sinn Feiners.

### FEELING OUT PROCESS

Quiet Situation of Present May be Due to Arrest of Many Leaders in Recent Round-ups.

(By Webb Miller, United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
LONDON, Dec. 4.—Quiet negotiations are in progress between representatives of Premier Lloyd-George and of the Sinn Feiners with the object of bringing about peace in Ireland, it was reported here today.

Lloyd-George was described as "feeling out" the Sinn Feiners in an effort to ascertain whether it would be possible to hold conferences with leaders. So far, the report had it, the prime minister has not actually met any of the rebel leaders and the whole affair is entirely unofficial.

If it is found impossible to reach a common ground of discussion, the matter will be quietly dropped, it is expected, and no official announcement or intimation concerning it will be forthcoming.

The quiet situation in Ireland during the last few days may be attributable to the fact that the Sinn Feiners are awaiting the outcome of the "feeling out" process, or to the fact that most of the belligerent leaders have been rounded up in the government's great drive upon the rebel organization, which was launched shortly after the assassination of sixteen British officers in Dublin. Great internment camps have been constructed in various parts of Ireland, and many of the Sinn Fein leaders will spend their Christmas holidays behind the barred wire netting, with sentries with fixed bayonets watching them. The first batch of Sinn Feiners destined for internment has arrived at Camp Ballykialar, county Down, according to a dispatch received today.

The court martial of Countess Markiewicz, the Sinn Fein woman member of parliament, has been concluded at Dublin and decision reserved. She is accused of organizing and directing a branch of the Sinn Fein Boy Scouts.

The attitude of the government toward the Sinn Feiners was believed to have been set forth by Lloyd-George in his speech at the Constitutional club.

"We must first defeat the murder gang and make Ireland a worthy partner in our great empire," he said. He attacked the followers of former Premier Asquith, who have criticized the government's policy of reprisals.

"Irish brutalities," declared Lloyd-George, "are worse than those of the Turks."

### DO YOU KNOW

1. That almost three times as many non-resident high school pupils are attending the Keokuk high school this year as were attending in 1914?
2. That the receipts from all tuition pupils last year were \$2385.00?
3. That the number of non-resident pupils who attend our public schools, and thus the amount of tuition received from them, will likely increase with the improvement of our school plant?
4. That from a commercial point of view the city of Keokuk can not afford to discourage the tendency of non-resident pupils to attend high school here?

### WHAT THE FARMERS WANT FROM SESSION OF CONGRESS

Legislation to Protect Consumer and Farmer From Being Victimized by Speculators and Food Profiteers.

### PEOPLE PAY HIGH, PRODUCE SELLS LOW

Billions of Dollars in Profits are Going Into Pockets of Middle Men, While Others Suffer Loss.

(United Press Leased Wire Service.)  
In the third of the series of interviews given the United Press by representatives of industry, labor and farming, President Charles S. Barrett, of the National Board of Farm Organizations, tells what the farmers want from this session of congress. In previous interviews Samuel Gompers told what labor wanted, and Francis H. Sisson, New York banker, what business wanted.

"Yet," said Barrett, "increased efficiency for the farmer practically always spells decreased prices for him at the same time. Increased acreage and harvest and prices drop, has been the experience of the farmer. His only recourse therefore is to market more wisely and eliminate the middleman and speculator, where possible by assuming the legitimate functions of the middle man and by encouraging the consumer to do likewise."

"The department of agriculture has discovered through years of careful observation that a majority of the seven million farmers of the country annually are forced to dispose of the bulk of their crops in the fall immediately after harvest. This, of course, means throwing millions of pounds of food into the market months in advance of consumption. That depresses prices paid to the farmer, but boosts the prices paid the speculator and the cold storage man who buy when food is low and plentiful, only to dole it out later at exorbitant prices."

"The remedy," which will give the farmer higher prices and the consumer lower prices, is gradual marketing by the farmer, throughout the year. To market his produce gradually the farmer must have additional credit. Another step in the protective program therefore will be to demand that congress investigate crop banking to determine how farmers may obtain wider credits."

Other laws to be demanded of congress in the protective program as outlined by Barrett, include:

Government chartering and encouragement of consumers' societies which can buy direct from the farmers regulation of the meat packing industry and cold storage business as provided in bills now pending in congress; increased appropriations for the agriculture department and especially for those divisions studying cultivation; "effective legislation" making compulsory "correct and guaranteed" information on labeling, branding, marking, tagging and otherwise designating the character of seeds, feeds, fertilizers, foods, drugs and materials for wearing apparel; maintenance of the "graduated income" and excess profits taxes supplemented by graduated inheritance taxes to furnish the additional revenue needed to meet the expenses of government.

Stringent immigration laws to maintain the American standards of living and especially prohibiting admission of oriental labor.

Creation of proper facilities for

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(United Press Leased Wire Service.)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Smallpox was reported prevalent in many schools of Chicago today. All children were ordered barred from class rooms who refused to submit to vaccination. About two hundred were out, school authorities reported, because parents refused to permit vaccination.

### WILBUR MARSH III

(United Press Leased Wire Service.)  
WATERLOO, Iowa, Dec. 4.—Wilbur Marsh, democratic national committeeman from Iowa, is ill at his home here, suffering with inflammatory rheumatism. His condition is not considered serious.

### SOVIET REPUBLIC

(United Press Leased Wire Service.)  
LONDON, Dec. 4.—Armenia has been declared a soviet republic, a wireless message from Moscow declared today.

(President Wilson has just undertaken to mediate between the Armenians and the forces of Mustapha Kemal, Turkish leader.)

### YEGGS GET OIL STOCK

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 4.—Some-

board, attempts are now being made to organize co-operative societies in every section of the United States as part of the protective campaign. In addition to getting food direct to the consumer, the societies enable farmers to buy their needs, machinery and other supplies wholesale, thereby increasing agricultural efficiency.

"Seven million farmers now are forced to sell their products at the lowest price in history in proportion to production costs," said Barrett, "but one hundred million consumers are paying the highest prices in history for these same products. Billions of dollars of profit thus is going in the pockets of the speculators and middlemen."

As the first step in the drive for protective legislation the farmers, Barrett said, are organizing a country-wide public relations committee to co-ordinate the common aims of farmer and consumer.

The committee, to be developed under the direction of the national board of farm organizations, will include representatives of the National Consumers' league and the labor group, as well as farmers, according to present plans.

The farmers' program for protective legislation begins with amendments to the anti-trust laws, to permit farmers co-operative societies to engage in interstate business. Through many of the co-operative societies farmers plan to sell direct to the consumer.

"As the anti-trust laws now are interpreted, the co-operative societies in many cases can be made subject to prosecution," said Barrett. "If the present interpretations of the co-operative laws are changed, the co-operative societies can make a big and permanent dent in the high cost of living."

The co-operative societies are intended to curtail, and in some cases do away with altogether, all unnecessary middle men and food speculators. Approximately 3,000,000 farmers now are members of the societies, which, according to Barrett, dispose of over \$2,000,000,000 worth of goods a year.

"The National Farmers' union alone will show a co-operative business close to \$1,000,000,000 this year," Barrett said.

Under direction of the national

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### TELEGRAPHIC TABLOIDS FROM FAR AND NEAR

### SOME SHORT AND SNAPPY ITEMS WHICH MAKE NEWS WIRE SPARKLE.

(United Press Leased Wire Service.)  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 4.—It costs a man five cents when he says damn in the county clerk's office and the harsher the words the more it costs. Women clerks have devised a bank in which money is deposited, collected as "fines" for "cuss words."

Yeggs Get Oil Stock.  
MARION, Ohio, Dec. 4.—Some-

where two yeggs are congratulating each other on their find of several thousand dollars worth of oil stock in a safe here. The owner placed the value of the stock at \$125.

Bell Hops Strike.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Dec. 4.—As a bell hop, Frank Harper is a better hotel manager. When he began rustling ice water, bell hops struck at his hotel. Twelve hours netted him two thin dimes.

Music by Wireless.  
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 4.—When the members of the Radio club of Manual Training high school give their dance Tuesday, the orchestra will be ten miles away. They expect to get the music by wireless.