

Old Year, Its Mistakes, Its Penalties, Its Failures and Victories, Is Dead. The New Year Is Come With Its Responsibilities--and WORK Is the Solution!

ISSUED FOR COAL STRIKE

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PRESIDENT HARDING TO MEET TROUBLE

Back From Vacation to Florida, He Finds Row Over Bonus and Army and Navy Appropriations--Some Hopeful Issues.

Washington, March 17.--When President Harding returns Saturday from his short rest in the Florida playgrounds, he probably will wish that he could go even farther than the Sunny South away from the tangled situation that he will find.

There is nothing sweet or lovely about it. It hasn't improved materially during his absence, even though the President, irked at the continuous bickering and calls on him to smooth out differences over which he had no control, went away not only to rest but to make Congress, for a time, face its own responsibilities. Some situations are better--the treaty and the tariff bill; others are worse, the bonus and the military and naval appropriations wrangles.

Mr. Harding departed for his vacation determined not to supplant or plead with the senate for treaty ratification. The situation then appeared stormy. He felt a good job had been done by his delegates to the arms conference and if the senate couldn't see its way clear to accept the splendid results, it would have to take responsibility for upsetting them.

Treaties Sure of Ratification. His return will find the treaties assured of ratification when the vote is taken. The big drive against them has been turned back. Those in the "know" in the senate say it is just a question of when the vote is taken.

More than offsetting the material improvement in respect to the treaties is the fiasco as to the bonus. The house has been keeping the wires hot to Florida in trying to get a new expression from Mr. Harding as to the bonus; to get him to say the plan it has evolved is all right.

The house knows Mr. Harding doesn't think it all right. Mellon, Crisinger and Harding, the senate reserve board, all of whom have the confidence of the president, have told the House it is all bad. President Harding has said over and over again that he won't stand for the bonus bill. Yet the first thing he will be met with when he comes is that bill, all set for passage in the House.

Bonus Row Is Sickening. If it were not such a serious proposition--serious to the taxpayer and to the millions of veterans whose anticipations of receiving a bonus have been sharpened--the performance of the lower body of Congress right now would be first class comedy. As it is, it is a sickening performance, about as miserable a picture of legislative cowardice as Congress has exhibited in recent years. Both parties are equally guilty in the boncom game, but the Republicans, having control, have to assume responsibility.

There isn't the slightest chance that the bill the House intends to pass will get by both the Senate and the president. It might crawl thru the Senate but if it does it will be vetoed. Yet the House leaders are going to go ahead and pass it. The elections are at hand. They want to be able to go back home and tell the veterans of their district: "I voted for a bonus bill."

And so they'll pass it and let somebody else hold the buck. Never has there been such an obvious situation, yet leaders and high water couldn't stop that bonus bill or any other going thru the House.

Tariff Gloom Clearing. Some glimmer of light has come in the tariff gloom. The Republicans promised it months and months ago. The grief the Senate finance committee has had over the Fordney measure passed by the House constitutes several lurid chapters of internal legislative stomach ache.

From encouragement on the tariff, Mr. Harding will have to face another big row with the House over the defense measures. Before he left, the president said he would not stand for a reduction in the army below 130,000. The House now is debating the 115,000 bill, with prospects of that figure being cut to one hundred thousand.

The president had taken a final stand for a navy not lower than eight-fifty thousand men, itself a reduction of fifteen thousand. The bill about to be presented carries only sixty-five thousand men. Final figures of what Congress will vote for the two branches cannot be given until the navy bill is presented.

HEAVENER TRAIN TO QUIT. The "Turnaround" Local Passenger Had Lost Money for Year.

Fort Smith, March 22.--The Heavener Turnaround local passenger train between Heavener and Fort Smith will be taken out of service by the Kansas City Southern railroad, effective Sunday, March 26.

An announcement to this effect was made here Tuesday afternoon to a committee of Fort Smith business men by President J. A. Edson of the railroad company, after the committee had urged Mr. Edson and other officials of the road not to discontinue service of the train.

The railroad heads pointed out that the train had been losing money for a year past, in which time it has not paid costs of actual operation, and that the very slight improvement shown so far in March was not sufficient to justify further losses by the road.

Officials promised to operate the train for several days during the bridge celebration, on a satisfactory schedule, and it was promised also that if in the fall, business conditions have shown sufficient improvement to justify a further test, the train will be put into operation again.

MRS. OBENCHAIN MAY BE TRIED WITH BURCH

Both Cases Are Set to Begin March 27 and State Will Move for Joint Procedure.

Los Angeles, March 21.--Whether the second trials of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain and Arthur C. Burch, indicted for the murder of her former sweetheart, J. Belton Kennedy, would be held jointly or separately was expected to be decided in the superior court here today.

SHOOT TO KILL IS NEW YORK SYSTEM

Motor Patrols to Cover the Entire City Manned by Heavily Armed Policemen--Citizens Take Up the Fight.

New York, March 20.--Richard E. Enright, police commissioner, in an effort to stop the crime wave here added seventy-five speedy motor cars today to the police equipment and manned them with heavily armed policemen, with orders to "shoot to kill" such as have been issued in Chicago and several other cities. The motor patrols will cover the entire city.

Magistrate Sweeter in Yorkville police court announced that hereafter men charged with highway robbery would be held without bail.

Hatpin Routs One Robber. Week end crime reports indicate Mr. Innocent citizen is getting "good and sore" at the efforts of the stick-up men to capture his already depleted roll.

Four men in different parts of the city became so wrathly they succeeded in chasing and causing the arrest of five bandits.

Mrs. Innocent Citizen, personified by Mrs. Ida Kalishman, 26 years old, proved the hatpin is mightier than the pistol when she routed a burglar who attempted to hold her up in her woman's apparel shop on Broadway.

Spurred on by the hatpin, the intruder departed precipitately and was arrested after running about fifty yards.

Tried to Save the Money. Other developments in the regular week end visitation of lawlessness included the probably fatal shooting of William Roettger, a restaurant cashier who sought to save the money of his employer; the severe beating of three other men.

Miss Ida Dietsch, house maid, valiantly attacked two burglars with a potato masher and was beaten, kicked, bound, gagged and left unconscious on the lawn of her employer's residence.

Further opposition to bandits occurred when four attempted to hold up an innocent appearing man in Central park. This man turned out to be Patrolman Harry Seibel. He grabbed a revolver pointed at his face, threw it away, drew his own and opened fire. Now Lutton Sutton, 24 years old, an alleged member of the band, is in the Roosevelt hospital, not expected to recover.

AS LLOYD GEORGE SEES FAME. The Path of Greatness a Stony One, Premier Declares.

Criccieth, Wales, March 21.--The parishioners of the little chapel in this town, where Lloyd George is attempting to isolate himself from the worries of international diplomacy and internal politics, have learned from their visitors' own lips just how disillusioned a man who has climbed to the topmost heights of statesmanship may become.

Incidentally, Lloyd George's little speech to them indicates the exhaustion of the premier's spirit, and his desire to rest.

"But," said the premier, "the mountain does not mean an enviable spot. The higher you climb, the colder it becomes and the lonelier you will find it. You are exposed to every blast and every wind. Often you will find yourself encompassed by mists, on an unbeaten path and you must deny yourself the comforts and peace of home life."

K. K. K. OFFERS REWARD. At Dallas, Tex., Will Pay \$1,000 for Those Who Flogged Man.

Dallas, Tex., March 21.--Dallas Klan No. 66, Knights of the Ku Klux in a letter to Mayor S. R. Aldridge today authorized a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of any of the men who last night flogged F. H. Etheridge, a local merchant. In the letter the "cyclops" of the local Klan said his organization does not endorse any lawless act by any one and pledged its assistance in running down the "hoodlums who committed this act."

Without regard to the social standing or the connection of parties who whipped F. H. Etheridge here last night, the grand jury must return indictments against those responsible "for this outrage" when the proper evidence is submitted. Judge C. A. Pippen charged the Dallas county jury today. "It makes no difference whether it was five men, whether it was the Ku Klux Klan or some other organization, you must not falter in your plain duties," Judge Pippen declared. "These floggings must be stopped."

FLY ACROSS ATLANTIC IN DAY. Chicagoan Will Try to Accomplish New Feat in Monoplane.

Chicago, March 15.--Cuno Rheden, airplane designer, will have completed within a few weeks, he announces, a plane which he proposes to launch at New York next month in a flight to Paris in less than twenty-four hours, thus accomplishing a new feat in air travel.

The plane is expected by Rheden to develop a cruising speed of 190 miles an hour. It is a monoplane designed to carry six passengers.

WILL BACK FORD OFFER. Alabama to Boost His Muscle Shoals Program.

Birmingham, Ala., March 21.--Evolution of the state was expected here today at the formal initiation of the Alabama Muscle Shoals association, the announced object of which is to back the offer of Henry Ford for lease and purchase of the government's power and nitrate projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala.

GOOD END TO FIRE THRILLER AT SEA

After Losing Fight, With Crew of U. S. S. Potomac Held at Point of Revolvers, War Trick Saved Vessel and Lives.

New York, March 18.--A thrilling tale of fire at sea, with 104 panic-stricken men and women locked in their staterooms, and stokers held at their posts under the threat of drawn pistols, was related by passengers of the United States liner Potomac, when she arrived here today from Bremen.

It was a tale of Yankee pluck and ingenuity--of a skipper's refusal to give up his ship until every hope had been abandoned, and of his acceptance of the "thousand to one chance," which turned a threatening catastrophe into a merely harrowing experience for those aboard.

The fire was discovered at midnight March 2, a few hours after the Potomac with Captain McLeod in charge, sailed from Bremen up the coast of Holland into the North Sea. She had been steaming along on a smooth sea, when suddenly, with howls of warning, the Spanish and Philippine stokers bounded from the hold and started for the lifeboats.

Driven Back at Revolver's Points. Officers, with drawn revolvers, ordered them back to the fire room, which had become an inferno of smoke, with flames billowing from an adjoining compartment, where mattresses, life preservers and ship's stores had taken fire mysteriously.

The dread cry of "fire" spread quickly thru the ship. The 104 passengers broke from their stateroom and made for the lifeboats. Captain McLeod sent stewards to herd them back and prevent the frenzied ones from leaping overboard.

Chief Engineer E. M. Garland already in place, guards over the boiler room crews and streams of hose were spouting tons of water on the blaze.

Fire Gained Despite All. Then engine and fire rooms were flooded with water, but huge clouds of smoke poured from the hatchways and the almost unbelievable heat, gave evidence that it was gaining headway.

At 1 a. m. the fire had become so fierce that the deck was hot. At 4 o'clock the Potomac slowed down to half speed. At 4:50, Captain McLeod ordered the engines stopped, and the blazing craft rolled sluggishly about while the whole crew turned fire fighters.

Seamen went over the sides in bos'n's chairs with sledge hammers, smashed in the cast iron ports and threw the tons of water in her hold up along her sides and over the heart of the fire. Immediately the flames subsided, and at 4 p. m., sixteen hours after the alarm was sounded, the fire was under control and the vessel had resumed her voyage.

Chief Engineer Overcome. Chief Engineer Garland was overcome by heat and fumes in the last hour of the fight and was under the care of the ship's surgeon for several days, according to passengers, who narrated the tale. Richard Albrecht, chief officer, and Alfred Puff, a seaman, were injured slightly.

The Potomac still had about thirty tons of water in her hold when, with a list to port, she steamed in today.

THANK, FOLKS. The letters to subscribers whose subscriptions expire April 1, 1922, have only been out a short time, many are mailing in their renewals, while others will renew Saturday, as well as take advantage of the Dollar Day bargain advertised elsewhere in this paper.

It is highly desirable to order your subscription by mail, or when you come in Saturday.

THE MENA WEEKLY STAR Mena, Arkansas.

BIG BILL HAYWOOD HAS CON-CESSION TO WORK IN RUSSIA

Stipulated 4800 Americans Be Brought in to Operate Iron Works in Ural Mountains.

Moscow, March 15.--"Big Bill" Haywood, has a group of American I. W. W. men to whom Premier Leunine has granted a concession to operate the big Nadejdinsky Iron Works in the Ural mountain region, part of the coal mines in the Kosnetz basin and auxiliary factories.

Haywood disappeared from the United States last year while under a \$65,000 bail after he and about ninety other I. W. W. men had been convicted of espionage and conspiracy against the government in the war. He has since taken part in the deliberations of the third internationale at Moscow.

It is stipulated that 4,800 fully qualified American workers with a technical personal experience, will be brought into Russia to operate the properties and that each of them must purchase \$100 worth of tools or insignament for his own equipment and assign an undertaking to observe all the rules of the soviet labor code.

The announcement states the government has assigned \$300,000 toward financing the undertaking. It is also to provide wood to build homes for workers and assign 27,000 acres of land for agriculture. The American women are to organize into a trade union association.

HENRY STARR'S "PAL" FLEES. Dave Lockhart Escapes From the Harrison, Ark., Jail.

Springfield, Mo., March 15.--Dave Lockhart, confessed pal of Henry Starr, noted bank robber who was killed in an attempted robbery of the First National bank at Harrison, Ark., last year, has escaped from the jail at Harrison, according to a message received here.

Lockhart was arrested at Huntsville, Ark., several weeks ago and was returned to Harrison for trial.

The escape occurred Monday shortly after 6 o'clock when the jailer and his son were making the rounds of the cells to feed the prisoners. The jailer was covered with a revolver, smuggled into the cell by an accomplice. Lockhart forced Jailer Curnett to lock his son in the cell and then made the officer accompany him across Turkey Creek bridge, a short distance from the jail.

A DOSE OF HIS OWN MEDICINE. Police Believe Man Killed by Explosion Was Making Bomb.

New York, March 15.--Detectives of the police bomb squad are investigating an explosion which tonight killed Pietro Picuro, a plumber, and partly wrecked the tenement in which he lived with his wife and baby daughter. Mrs. Picuro, who was in an adjoining room with the child, was injured slightly, but the baby escaped injury.

Picuro was killed by the explosion of sulphur and potash which he was mixing. The police say he had been under investigation for several months as a radical, and declared they are working on the theory that the explosive chemicals were intended for a bomb.

GAVE LIFE STAYING ON JOB. Kansas City Southern Engineer Tried to Save His Locomotive.

Pittsburgh, Kas., March 15.--Because he stayed at his post and attempted to prevent the explosion of his engine, Charles S. Duffield, an engineer for the Kansas City Southern railway, suffered injuries from which he died today after suffering for four hours.

While Duffield was driving his engine near Ashbury, Mo., last November, a driving rod punctured the water pipes, allowing water to flow into the fire. Two other men on the engine jumper, were injured slightly and recovered. Duffield stayed in the cab, attempting to shut off the steam and save the locomotive.

GREEK WARSHIP STOPS ITALAN

After a Three Hour Search of Steamer, Turkish Passengers Are Taken Off and Declared Prisoner of War--Cause of Indignation.

Constantinople, March 16.--The Greek torpedo boat Naxos, while patrolling the Black Sea with other units of the Greek fleet, seized the steamship Africa, flying the Italian flag, off Ineboli. The African was taken to Mudania, where after a three hours search of the vessel, the Turkish passengers, including the personnel of a Turkish sanitary corps, were declared prisoners of war.

Press Demands Satisfaction. Rome, March 16.--Considerable excitement has been caused here by the news that Greek warships had stopped and searched the Italian steamship Umbria and Abbazia, detaining the latter.

The Messenger observes that Italy, notwithstanding the Greco-Turkish war, has never recognized the right of Greece to institute a blockade or to search ships, nor did France, which experienced a similar incident in the seizure of the steamship Eshir.

The French steamship Eshir, recently was released by Greece after a sharp protest from France.

BIG DOLLAR DAY PLANNED MARCH 25

Mena Merchants Have Co-Operated in Offering Unusual Bargains in All Departments--Free Drill by Howitzer Company.

March 25, the date set for another Dollar Day in Mena, has met with a hearty response from the Mena merchants. Profiting by the past experience, merchants are offering different bargains, and a wider variety, with fewer duplications than has been the case heretofore.

The Mena Howitzer Company will give a drill, going into action and firing the 37 M. M. guns, this to take place shortly after 1 o'clock, at the Menafield. A speaking for the farmers, on the subject of Sweet Potato Growing, Marketing, Financing for a Co-operative Association, etc., has been arranged by County Agents Alspaugh, Glenn F. Wallace, formerly of Mena, and now connected with the state department in similar work, will be here to address the meeting. It is expected many will attend this meeting, as Mr. Wallace is fully informed on any question relating to the sweet potato industry.

Following the Howitzer drill, for which no charge will be made, it had been planned for a free baseball game between the ex-service men of the county, and the High school, but the High boys found they could secure Fort Smith for this date, so cancelled the game with the ex-service men; and the Fort Smith game will follow directly after the Howitzer drill, in order that the boys may return to Fort Smith on No. 4.

The American Legion will hold open house all day, that ex-service men may get information, and an opportunity to join with the Frank Fried post. Thanks for application of those who have not received the Victory medals are on hand, and will be filled out for those interested.

All considered, Saturday promises to be a busy day. Read the ads in Thursday's Star--you will find more Dollar Bargains than could be thought possible.

SOLDIERS' BONUS BILL TO VOTE IN HOUSE THURSDAY

Speaker Gillett Consents to Suspension of Rules--Thought Necessary Two-Thirds Will Favor.

Washington, March 21.--Speaker Gillett consented today to permit the compromise soldiers' bonus bill to be taken up in the House Thursday under a suspension of the rules. It is the plan to have the final vote before adjournment that day after four hours of general debate, divided equally between opponents and proponents.

A two-thirds majority will be necessary to pass the bill under this procedure, but those in charge of the legislation predicted that they would have votes to spare. By this method the majority will succeed not only in shutting out all amendments, but also in preventing the Democrats from offering a motion to recommit the bill.

WEEKS IS LOSING HOPE. Sees Little Prospect of Army of More Than 115,000.

Washington, March 21.--After a conference today at the capitol with House Republican leaders Secretary Weeks said he saw little prospect of the House agreeing to a larger army during the coming fiscal year than the force provided for in the army appropriation bill--115,000 men and 11,000 officers.

Repeating his belief that pay provision should be made for 143,000 men, exclusive of 7,000 Philippine Scouts and 13,000 officers, the secretary said he hoped the Senate will insist on that strength. While at the capitol he was told by Representative Sisson of Mississippi Democratic member of the sub-committee, that he will offer an amendment providing for a reduction in enlisted personnel to 100,000 men by July 1.

DEER AT MERCY OF WOLVES. Cold Weather in North Is Working Havoc With Them.

St. Paul, March 21.--Because hundreds of deer have been deprived of their feeding grounds, and their trails covered with a thick coating of ice, the herds are at the mercy of wolf packs, Forester W. T. Cox announced today.

Their footing insecure, the animals weakened by days of hunger have fallen easy prey to the ravenous packs, it is said. Many have been driven into the settlements.

Farmers thruout the state are placing bales of hay within the deer's reach, and some have become so tame that they permit petting. Motorists have found deer too weak to walk along. They are being cared for by sympathetic farmers.

BULLET-PROOF VEST FAILS TO FUNCTION "Not Your Fault, Mac," Says Dangerously Wounded Demonstrator to His Assistant.

New York, March 16.--Pierpont Potter, wearing a newly invented bullet proof vest, took his place against a wall in the basement of a building occupied by the U. S. Armorer Corporation to demonstrate the device to prospective customers.

Edmund C. McGrath, another employee leveled a pistol and fired. Potter fell, with a dangerous wound near the heart, and the customers went away without placing an order.

Taken to a hospital by police, McGrath approached the bed of the wounded man with tears streaming down his cheeks. "It's all right, Mac," Potter whispered, grasping his hand. "It was an accident. You couldn't help it."