

### HARDING TO HEAR FACTS ON SENATE

Senator Curtis, Expert on Upper House Sentiment, to Explain Attitude

### KNOWS MINDS OF MEMBERS

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger

Washington, O., Jan. 3.—President-elect Harding will understand exactly where the Senate stands regarding the League of Nations when he finishes talking with Senator Charles Curtis, of Kansas, today. The Curtis visit here is properly a sequel of Senator Knox's visit here last week and of Harry M. Daugherty's trip to Washington. Mr. Curtis is the Republican whip of the Senate. He knows the Republican majority of the Senate as no other does. He knows not only its avowed position, but its secret thoughts. Not only what it says it will do, but what it will do. He understands it individually and collectively. He comprehends its motives. How firm this senator will stand and just at what point that senator will yield is no secret to Curtis.

Curtis may not be as great a senator as well, who is today? He does not make many speeches and his name is not associated with important acts of legislation. But he has an extraordinary gift for getting inside the mind of every individual Republican member of the Senate and knowing what is there.

### The Senate's Best Prophet

He is the best prophet there is about the course of the Senate, and not only of the chamber itself, but of each individual Republican member as well. He has, moreover, the reporter's talent for not fooling himself into thinking that things will go the way he wants them to go. In and out of the Senate, as one of the elder statesmen, one of the oligarchy, he maintains an extra-

ordinary detachment. He has the information of an insider and the cool judgment of an outsider.

When Mr. Harding has talked to Mr. Curtis he will know just what substance there is to the Senate movement which led to Senator Knox's coming here and announcing for the Senate just what the Republican party policy with regard to international organization should be, while the President-elect was busy formulating the party policy himself.

And Mr. Curtis is here presumably because Mr. Harding will find information on that point useful. Many senators are with Mr. Knox and the ruling group now, who will quit them once the President-elect indicates a disagreement with them. Senator Curtis better than any other man can tell just who and how many such senators there are.

### Harding Failed to Tell Public

In his conflict of opinion with the Republican majority of the Senate, the President-elect is at a disadvantage compared to the senators. He has not taken the public into his confidence regarding the league plan. He has said that he has such a plan, but has refrained from telling what his plan is. What has been published with regard to it has been revealed more or less accidentally by his visitors here.

It is known that Mr. Harding is not in agreement now at least, with Senator Knox. When he has found himself in agreement with his visitors he has not hesitated to say so, and he has not said so with respect to Senator Knox, the contrary he has refused to say a word about the Knox plan.

If the President-elect had revealed his plan he would have alienated considerable public sentiment in its support. Evidently this would have been so because of the authority and prestige of his office and because of the national habit of looking to the presidency for leadership. And equally, if he had taken the country into his confidence he could have counted upon an immediate public reaction against the Knox plan.

### Harding's Silence Aids Knox

As it is, in the absence of accurate public knowledge of the President's purpose, the Knox statement produced confusion in the public mind. Senator Knox came here and talked with the President-elect. He emerged from the conference to see the press. He expressed confidence that Mr. Harding would arrive at a decision agreeable to the "chatter-enders." That was what it amounted to. It was not a statement of the fact that Mr. Harding was now

in process of arriving at a decision agreeable to the "chatter-enders." It was a prediction that he would do so, which is a totally different thing. A country which is not authoritatively informed as to what Mr. Harding is doing jumps to the conclusion that Mr. Knox has approved Mr. Harding's program and that, therefore, it must be an irreconcilable one. The Senate majority understands publicity better than does Mr. Harding.

### MARTENS SURRENDERED

Soviet Agent Will Be Sent Out of Country Probably January 23

Washington, Jan. 3.—(By A. P.)—Lodwig C. A. K. Martens, Russian Soviet representative in this country, whose deportation has been ordered, was formally surrendered here today to Secretary Wilson, at the Department of Labor by his counsel.

Immediately after his surrender Martens was released on his own recognizance. He asked that arrangements for his deportation be expedited and that a sailing be arranged by January 20, to which Secretary of Labor Wilson assented.

Officials said effort would be made to deport Martens and his party on the steamship Stockholm, sailing from New York, January 22, for Gottenburg, Sweden. From there the party would be transported to Libau, Estonia.

Martens will be accompanied by his entire staff of about forty Russian citizens and his private secretary, Gregory Weinstein, against whom a deportation warrant had been issued. The United States Government will pay only the expenses of Martens.

It is understood Martens plans to retire to private life and resume his occupation as an engineer on his return to Russia.

Martens, who was accompanied here from New York by his attorney, Charles Breit, returned to that city immediately after his release.

### Arrested With Stolen Watch

John Malley, 3818 Brown street, was held in special jail for court by Magistrate Moseley in Central Station this morning on a charge of receiving stolen goods. He was arrested in a pawn shop at 5901 Market street attempting to pledge a watch stolen from 1230 Mr. Vernon street. Malley said he won the watch in a crap game.

### U.S. AIRMEN ON WAY HOME BY DOG SLED

Balloon Crew, Found in Canadian Wilds, Will Reach Railway in Few Days

### LOST FOUR DAYS IN WOODS

By the Associated Press

Rockaway, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Three missing naval balloonists of the A-5508, who had been the objects of a frantic search through northern New York and Canada since they dropped from sight three weeks ago, today are en route home from the snowy wilds of Ontario via dog sled.

The trio landed near Moose Factory, Ont., a remote trading post of the Hudson Bay Co., on December 14, the day after they started from Rockaway. After four days in the woods, they found safety in a telegram from the office, sent by messenger to the nearest telegraph office at Mattice, and relayed thence upon the arrival of the messenger last night. The message read:

"Driven by storm Monday, 12-13, west by north, at Lower Hudson bay. Forced to land 2 p. m. 12-14 about ten miles north by east of Moose Factory, Ont., latitude 51-50, longitude 81-00. Lost in forest four days. Crew safe at Hudson Co. post. Will leave on first available means of transportation to railroad, which is by dog sled, and will take about nine days. Leaving here Monday, December 27."

### Return Requires Time

If the balloonists got away on the 27th, and if they make no good time as they expected, they should get back into touch with civilization at a railroad station, probably Mattice, tomorrow or Wednesday. Aviation officers here, however, incline to the opinion that it will be several days before the balloonists, unaccustomed to dog sled

### CLAMOR FOR VENIZELOS

Telegrams Urging Him to Return Mark Celebration of His Name Day

### TO TRY MCGANNON AGAIN

Cleveland Judge Accused of Murder Will Face Second Ordeal

Cleveland, Jan. 3.—(By A. P.)—Judge William H. McGannon will be brought to trial a second time on charges of slaying Harold C. Kagy as soon as County Prosecutor Edward C. Stanton, who took office this morning, completes his study of the case, the new prosecutor announces.

Stanton will handle the trial. He will not seek the aid of Roland A. Baskin, his predecessor, who prosecuted both John W. Joyce and Judge McGannon for the Kagy killing. Joyce was acquitted and the jury in the McGannon case disagreed late Friday after nearly forty-eight hours' deliberation.

### Identify Palsades Suicide

Englewood, N. J., Jan. 3.—(By A. P.)—The body of a woman found under the Palsades near here Thursday has been identified as Mrs. George H. Brown, of this city. The woman's throat was cut and her wrists slashed with a razor, which was clutched in her hand. Her husband said that she had recently been under treatment for a nervous affection.

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