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HARDING AGAINST HOUSING PARLEY

President Unable to See Any Legislative Palliative for Present Situation

CONDITIONS TOO VARIED

By the Associated Press Washington, Feb. 15.—President Harding, in a letter to Senator King, of Utah, made public today by the latter, declared he considered it inadvisable at this time to call a national housing conference. The letter of the President was a reply to one from the Utah Senator suggesting that a national conference to consider means of increasing housing facilities be called by the Department of Commerce.

Building conditions are peculiar to individual communities, the President said. "In such communities where there is developed a manifest shortage of housing there have been local conferences held, usually under the auspices of boards of trade or chambers of commerce, into which conferences have been invited representatives of the material men, contractors, spokesmen for labor and for banking and loan associations to consider whether this is not the most practical plan yet to be determined. I cannot think of any way in which the Federal Government can help the situation other than by some such means.

Knows No "Legislative Palliative" "I do not know of a legislative palliative. I very much doubt if we ought to try to create one. Housing is such a fundamental need that there is seldom a lack of it under normal conditions, when building enterprises may be safely pursued."

Mobilization of Capital Needed "The country badly needs a mobilization of home building capital based upon our building and loan associations, insurance companies and savings banks," the Secretary declared. "We have a sound foundation upon which we build some sort of structure that would cheapen home building capital, give it more mobility and afford greater security. A conference to consider this problem would be of great value."

Regarding a national housing conference, the Secretary expressed fear that it would be likely to split upon price of materials and wages, and any event have no power to affect either one.

Senator King said he had received a large number of letters from various parts of the country urging some movement which would bring together the builders, capitalists and philanthropists to devise ways and means for improving the housing situation.

ROOSEVELT FOR NAVY PERSONNEL OF 90,000

Regards Number of Shore Stations of No Direct Importance Washington, Feb. 15.—(By A. P.)—The Navy Department is not prepared at this time to say what the shore stations may be abolished or curtailed under the new limitation of armament program, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt told the House Naval Committee today.

"The question as to what stations may be maintained or curtailed is not of direct importance in determining the exact strength of the navy," Mr. Roosevelt explained. "It does not bear directly on the total enlistments."

Chairman Butler, in touching on the shore station problem, declared Mr. Roosevelt and others would remember the influences which worked for their establishment and insisted that the same influences for their retention remained.

"But as for myself," the chairman added, "I propose to cut them under the new bill and then stand from under."

PLAN RUSSELL CASE PROBE

Resolution for Investigation, Presented in Mississippi House Jackson, Miss., Feb. 15.—(By A. P.)—A resolution was introduced in the House today providing for the appointment of a committee of seven to investigate the charges against Governor Russell in the \$100,000 dam-

ALABAMA CONCERN MAKES MUSCLE SHOALS OFFER

Fourth Proposal for Purchase and Lease of U. S. Properties Washington, Feb. 15.—(By A. P.)—Another offer for purchase and lease of the Government's properties at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was completed today and arrangements made by its sponsor, the Alabama Power Company, for immediate filing with Secretary Weeks.

The offer was tendered by Thomas Martin, acting for the Alabama Power Company, of which he is president, and with its submission the total number of proposals received by the Government for its war-acquired properties in Alabama was brought to four. The new offer is expected to be transmitted soon by Secretary Weeks to Congress, which has before it the offer of Henry Ford.

The Alabama Power Company proposes completion of the Wilson dam "without further advances or expenditures by the United States," and the outright purchase of the Warrior Power plant, on the Gorgas River, situated on ground already owned by the power company. The properties would be leased by the power company for a period of fifty years, after which they would be subject to return to the Government.

LUMBER COMBINE ALLEGED

Federal Trade Commission Charges Price-Fixing Agreement

Washington, Feb. 15.—(By A. P.)—Lumber manufacturers of Idaho, West-Montana and Eastern Oregon, have organized and conducted the Western Pine Manufacturers' Association for the primary purpose of agreeing on the prices of their lumber," the Federal Trade Commission charged today in submitting to Congress the fourth of a series of reports dealing with the lumber industry.

U. S. ENVOY TO CUBA QUILTS

Boaz W. Long Tenders Resignation to Take Effect at Once

Washington, Feb. 15.—(By A. P.)—Boaz W. Long, American Minister to Cuba since 1919, has tendered his resignation to President Harding, to take effect at once.

THEATRE MEN GIVE BAIL

Six Indicted for Knickerbocker Crash Freed Under Bond

Washington, Feb. 15.—(By A. P.)—Six of the nine men ordered held by the Governor's jury which investigated the Knickerbocker Theatre disaster, were released on bond of \$5000 each today pending action of the Grand Jury which will review the findings. The other three were expected to appear before night and deposit the same surety.

TO DISCUSS SHIP SUBSIDY

Philadelphians to Speak When President's Proposal is Considered

Washington, Feb. 15.—(By A. P.)—President Harding's proposal for a ship subsidy will occupy the attention of shipping interests at the annual convention of the National Merchant Marine Association, to be held here March 3 and 4, the association announced today.

HARDING'S SUBSIDY PLANS APPROVED

Congress Committees Agree to \$30,000,000 Yearly Payments to U. S. Ship Owners

TO RUSH LEGISLATION

By a Staff Correspondent Washington, Feb. 15.—President Harding will present the Administration ship subsidy proposal to Congress within a few days, it was learned today, following a dinner given by Chairman Albert D. Lasker, of the Shipping Board, last night to members of the Merchant Marine Committees of the Senate and House.

It will embody recommendations for direct and indirect subsidies worked out in elaborate detail. The complete Administration plan in written form was laid before the Republican members of the two legislative committees by Chairman Lasker, who explained it at a session which lasted until 1 o'clock this morning. Before the committee members left they agreed unanimously to accept the program in substance, and informed Chairman Lasker he could so notify the President.

A Republican Senator said today he understood the Lasker proposal representing the Administration program, will be incorporated in a presidential message. He said he expected the President to submit it "in a day or two."

Direct subsidies are provided in the Administration program in the form of graduated allowances based on speed of the vessels. It is proposed to pay vessel owners varying rates per ton per hundred miles, with one-half cent per ton per hundred miles the minimum in the schedule as submitted by Lasker.

The question of ship subsidies has been before the Government directly and indirectly for many years. Several administrations have wrestled with it without being able to obtain the approval of Congress and the country for any plan proposed.

SENATOR CRITICIZES TAFT

Objects to Chief Justice Touching on Political Matters

Washington, Feb. 15.—(By A. P.)—Chief Justice Taft was added today by Senator Harris, Georgia, to the members of the Supreme Court, whom he criticized yesterday for touching upon political matters in public addresses.

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The President's voice heard by the nation On Armistice Day, President Harding talked to a crowd gathered at the grave of the Unknown Soldier, in the National Cemetery at Arlington. His voice was heard simultaneously by vast throngs in New York, Chicago and San Francisco.