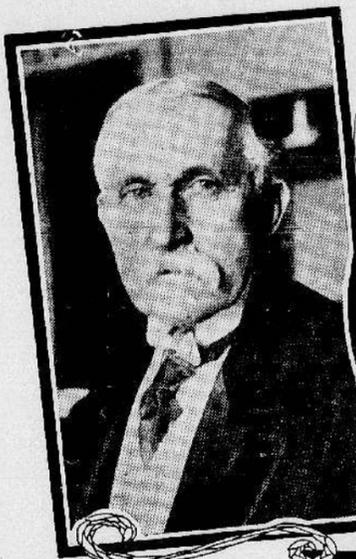


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PRESIDENT TAFT'S CABINET (SECTION ONE) BY WALTON BRANT



Franklin MacVeagh Secretary of the Treasury



Philander C. Knox Secretary of State



George W. Wickersham Attorney General



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Executive Office Building, White House in Washington

PRESIDENT WILLIAM H. TAFT has gathered about him at his official advisers a cabinet that is remarkable in many respects and is without one of the most interesting official households ever assembled by any chief magistrate of the nation.

Another distinguishing feature of the Taft cabinet is the evidence afforded by its personnel of the thoroughness with which the new president has sought to give representation to all sections of the country.

The premier of the new cabinet, in fact as well as in station, is the secretary of state, Philander C. Knox.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Franklin MacVeagh, is a native of New York, and was educated at the University of the City of New York.

Secretary Knox, it may be remembered, was perhaps the most formidable rival of Judge Taft for the presidential nomination a year ago and persons who have knowledge of what is going on behind the scenes in officialdom are wont to believe that he was induced to accept his present portfolio only through expectation that it will prove a stepping stone to the presidency.

That Philander C. Knox is in public life at all is due solely to ambition. The few thousand dollars a year that he receives as salary is a minor consideration.

Philander C. Knox, who is the light-weight of the new cabinet physically, but is one of the heavyweights mentally, is about 56 years of age, but so boyish is he in appearance that few people not conversant with the facts would take him to be more than 38 or 40 years of age.

Franklin MacVeagh, the new secretary of the treasury, is like Secretary Knox, a native of Pennsylvania, but he was born more than ten years earlier than his fellow-cabinetier.

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