



CABINET NOT CHOSEN KNOX ONLY RECENT SELECTION, TAFT SAYS.

President-elect Will Consult Future Secretary of State Before Making Further Appointments.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 19.—Answering the numerous newspaper cabinet suggestions which have been made recently in many quarters, President-elect Taft said to-night that he had made no progress whatever in making up his cabinet aside from the Knox announcement.

Admitting that nearly all of the names suggested in the papers have also been suggested to him, and that in nearly all instances he had reached no determination, and that there was not pending any offer of any position to any one.

Since his arrival here Mr. Taft said he had been free from "active negotiation" regarding his cabinet, aside from the telegram which he received yesterday from Senator Knox.

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Mr. Taft said he had not yet written Senator Knox of his desire to see him here, and that he had not heard from the Senator except through the acceptance telegram.

Mr. Taft said to-day that he had made no announcement regarding the calling of an extra session of Congress other than that made by him during the campaign, which was to the effect that there would be no delay.

MANY WANT KNOX'S SEAT.

Dalzell Announces Candidacy—Burke, Huff and Others Receptive.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Announcement of his candidacy for the United States Senate, to succeed Philander C. Knox, who has accepted the portfolio of Secretary of State in the next administration, was made to-day by Congressman John Dalzell, of Pittsburg.

Representative Dalzell has served twenty years in Congress, and by reason of his ability and long service is one of the ruling powers in the House.

Representative Burke, now serving his second term in Congress, has had an unusual career. Never having made a speech on the floor of the House, he proved one of the most popular orators sent out by the Republican National Committee last fall, demands coming for him from various sections of the Union.

Other men also mentioned here to-day in connection with the Senate vacancy are Representative George F. Huff, of Greensburg; Colonel W. B. Andrews, of Meadville, chairman of the Republican State Committee, and George T. Oliver, of Pittsburg.

When asked to-day about his reported desire to succeed Senator Knox, Representative Dalzell said: "As it is now a matter of common knowledge that Senator Knox is to be the premier of the next administration, which will create a vacancy in the United States Senate, and as I have been approached by many of my friends upon the subject, I have no hesitancy in saying that I shall be a candidate for the honor."

Mr. Dalzell will content himself with conducting his campaign for the Senate from Washington. He ranks as second member on the Ways and Means Committee, now engaged in holding hearings on the proposed revision of the tariff.

NEW POST FOR MAGOON? Believed That He Will Be Governor General of Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 19.—It is regarded in inner circles in Washington as practically settled that Judge Charles E. Magoon, now Provisional Governor of Cuba, will be requested by the President-elect to accept the office of Governor General of the Philippines.

It is regarded as probable that Judge Magoon will be permitted to take a considerable rest before entering upon the duties of his new post, and it is not improbable that he will be sent on some foreign mission in Northern latitudes before going again to the tropics.

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MASQUERADED AS MAN. Strange Adventures of Girl Accused of Robbing Own Room.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Dec. 19.—A young woman, masquerading as a man, and telling a strange story of adventures, with which a murder committed two years ago in Philadelphia may be connected, was arrested here to-day under the name of Earl Waters.

The authorities arrested "Waters" for robbing "his" own room and filing a complaint with the police. Then they discovered "Waters" to be a girl, apparently about eighteen years old.

At Philadelphia she fell in with a young man, becoming his companion, though she did not reveal her sex. She says he became involved in a quarrel, committed murder and that they fled. They came to Cedar Rapids two years ago, since which time both have been employed as newsboys on trains.

FOR CHRISTIAN SCIENCE. Held That Missouri Statutes Do Not Prohibit Its Treatment.

Warrensburg, Mo., Dec. 19.—Circuit Judge Thurmond decided in a test case to-day that there is no law in Missouri prohibiting the practice of healing by members of the Christian Science Church.

KINDNESS TO DOG COST HIS LIFE. Philadelphia Policeman Thrown in Front of Trolley Car—Wife at Mother's Funeral.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Edward Mooney, a member of a police squad, picked up a cold and half starved dog this morning, and was taking it to his home when his horse slipped on a wet asphalt pavement, tried to recover and threw its rider, who, holding the dog, was unable to protect himself.

BOY GIVES LIFE TO SAVE DOG. Hartford, Conn., Dec. 19.—Ten-year-old Daniel Marshall gave his life to-day to save that of his dog.

CHAMPION MEAN MAN, THIS FELLOW. Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Neighbors of George Goldman believe that a caller he had yesterday afternoon is the champion mean man in the city.

BALLSTON MILL BURNS, LOSS \$100,000. Ballston, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The mill of the Ballston Paper Company was destroyed by fire to-night, causing a loss of \$100,000.

BROKER SHOT IN OFFICE INVENTOR, AFTER MONEY, FIRES AT H. B. SUYDAM.

Uproar on Curb, and Prisoner, Who Pleads Self-Defence, Is Threatened—Victim May Die.

Harry B. Suydam, a curb broker, with an office at No. 39 Broad street and living at No. 141 Clinton avenue, Plainfield, N. J., was shot in his office yesterday morning by John C. Lumsden, a Southern inventor, who says Suydam and others defrauded him out of his life's work.

It was shortly after the opening of the Stock Exchange that Lumsden appeared at Mr. Suydam's office, telling the doorman that he wanted to see Mr. Suydam himself, and that if he was not in he would wait for him.

SUYDAM CRIES FOR HELP. Mr. Suydam Walked to the Window and Lumsden Followed Him.

Mr. Suydam walked to the window and Lumsden followed him. The two stood in sight of those in the adjoining offices and street and talked together for several minutes, no one paying any special attention to them.

Corcoran and Beaton, realizing the seriousness of the case, sent in a hurry call for an ambulance from the Hudson Street Hospital and another for the police reserves.

CROWD THREATENS PRISONER. After the arrival of the ambulance it was some time before the police attempted to take the prisoner to the station house.

At the station house Lumsden gave his age as thirty-one years, and said he lived at No. 313 West 57th street.

CRUISERS ASSIGNED TO MR. TAFT. The North Carolina and the Montana Placed at His Disposal for Panama Trip.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Newberry advised President-elect Taft to-day that the armored cruisers North Carolina and Montana would be placed at his disposal when Mr. Taft and his party, which is to be composed of a number of engineers, go to Panama next month.

"CANAL WILL BE DONE IN SIX YEARS" Panama Railroad Foreman Ridicules Stories of Underground Lakes and Disasters.

Los Angeles, Dec. 19.—F. G. Kuehne, general wrecking foreman on the Panama Railroad, who is on a vacation with his family in this city, says that the Panama Canal will be completed in six years.

LIVED IN ONE PLACE 101 YEARS. Roanoke, Va., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Harriet Armstrong died at her home in this county to-day aged 101 years.

DEWEY'S WINES FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS. Special Offer—Cases, \$1.99, \$3.99, \$5.99. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 123 Fulton St., New York.

TASK STAGGERS SENATE REBUKING OF PRESIDENT HAZARDOUS.

Leading Senators Not Willing to Undertake Work—Country Supporting Mr. Roosevelt.

Washington, Dec. 19.—That rebuking the President, or even conducting an investigation of that portion of the administration devoted to the prosecution of violations of the federal statutes, is a particularly hazardous undertaking, and one which few legislators care to undertake, is becoming daily more obvious to the Senate leaders.

Senator Hale maintains that as chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs and acting chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, he is too heavily burdened to assume the chairmanship of the sub-committee to which he would delegate the proposed investigation.

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BOY HERO GUARDS BABY. Tries in Vain to Protect Infant Brother from Flames.

Three small children were badly burned in a fire which destroyed the tenement house at No. 2063 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday.

SUPPORT BOTH FAMILIES. Judge's Decision a Blow to Remarried Divorced Men.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—A decision that a divorced woman may seize her former husband's earnings and property to enforce the payment of alimony, even though he has married again, was handed down by the Court of Appeals here to-day.

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TENEMENT STAIRS FALL. MARBLE SLAB CRASHES THROUGH FOUR FLOORS.

One of the supports in the staircase of the six-story tenement house at Nos. 2, 4, 6 and 8 Dover street, snapped last night under the weight of the marble slab which formed the mezzanine landing on the fourth floor, and in falling carried away every landing and floor slab to the ground floor.

SIX HUNDRED OCCUPANTS RUSH IN PANIC FROM FIRE ESCAPES AND ROOF.

Timothy Collins, of No. 15 Cherry street, who was visiting a friend in the house, was one of those hurt. He fell from the fourth floor through the shaft made by the falling stone, and was taken to the Hudson Street Hospital suffering from scalp wounds and contusions.

Planks were laid across the alley separating the house from "The Police Gazette" Building, adjoining, and nearly all the tenants were brought to the street in this way.

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