

A FORECAST OF CABINET CHANGES

Secretary Shaw Has Eye on Presidency and May Remain.

Attorney General Knox Anxious to Return to Professional Life.

Hay and Cortelyou to Stay—Hitchcock and Payne Will Retire.

From The Journal Bureau, Colorado Building, Washington.

Washington, March 19.—Altho the second Roosevelt administration, assuming republican success at the polls in November, will not begin for nearly a year, the public seems quite a little interested in the personnel of the new cabinet as an indication of the purposes of the president after his term of trusteeship of the McKinley policies has technically and actually passed.

Events already point to a considerable "shake-up" March 4. Wherever a president is re-elected, as McKinley was, it is customary for members of his cabinet to hand in their resignations at the expiration of the first term, assuming that this was the extent of their official invitation.

This would be the case now, even if Roosevelt had been a regularly elected president, but because he is not more interested than usual in cabinet changes which may come to pass, and because he may already quite clearly forecast.

Hay Will Remain. Secretary Hay will remain in the cabinet if his health permits. President Roosevelt is extremely desirous to retain the services of a man whom he recognizes as a great secretary of state, conspicuously the long time from Jefferson down.

Secretary Shaw to Retire. Secretary Shaw now plans to leave the cabinet. Some of his closest friends suggest that when the time comes he will be persuaded to remain because he is a candidate for the presidential nomination.

Much will also depend in making his decision on the shape which the financial matters take a year hence. If the relation of receipts and expenditures seems critical, Mr. Shaw will be more inclined to stay.

Secretary Cortelyou. He may not serve thru its entire term, but he may be safely counted on to make his start with it. It seems probable that the selection of a successor to the supreme court to succeed Melville W. Fuller will fall to the next administration, and that position is very likely to be offered to Cortelyou. It is apparently the only one which would divert him from his work in connection with the Philippines, and while it is not certain that he will accept this office few persons have ever refused it, even with a possible nomination for the presidency in sight.

Knox Anxious to Quit. Attorney General Knox will ask to be relieved at the close of this administration, unless some unforeseen exigency arises, and turning his attention to public duty in the other direction. His professional income is rated by good lawyers at \$75,000 a year. He is a young man and feels that he cannot afford to remain in the cabinet indefinitely.

The secretary of the interior, Mr. Hitchcock, will doubtless retire with this administration, altho the matter has not been formally discussed between him and the president. Mr. Hitchcock is a rugged sort of a business man, square and blunt in his methods; he has not succeeded in getting along well with senators and representatives. One of them remarked on coming away from him that some one must have told Mr. Hitchcock in early life that all senators were retired burglars and all representatives high-bred.

DINNER WITH NEGRO ENVOY

This Was the Bugaboo That Really Drove Dewey From San Domingo.



MINISTER W. F. POWELL. Colored envoy to Santo Domingo.

New York Sun Special Service. Washington, March 19.—With the return to Washington of Assistant Secretary Loomis, Admiral Dewey, Rear Admiral Taylor and the other members of the general board of the navy from their West Indian cruise, the real reason of the failure of the party to land at Santo Domingo became known.

When the Mayflower dropped anchor at Santo Domingo and William F. Powell, the American minister, came aboard, Admiral Dewey and the other naval officers discovered greatly to their surprise, he was a negro. If they had gone ashore they would have been obliged to call on him and be entertained at dinner by him and they balked at the idea of another Booker T. Washington incident.

SUBMARINE RUN DOWN BY LINER

Eleven Persons Drowned in Collision During Maneuvers by British Navy.

Portsmouth, March 19.—The British submarine boat No. A1 was run down and sunk by the Donal Currie liner, and eleven persons were drowned, including Lieutenant Mansergh, the senior officer engaged in submarine work. The liner passed on and reported that she had struck a torpedo.

At the time she was struck the submarine was engaged in maneuvers and she was lying in seven fathoms of water waiting the approach of a battleship. The boat was one of the newest of the fleet of submarine vessels and she was built from the latest models, but she was a bad diver.

MINNEAPOLITANS ON THE COAST.

Special to The Journal. Everett, Wash., March 19.—Dr. E. A. Hutchins and E. A. Prendergast, attorneys, both of Minneapolis, are in Everett on business connected with the Bonanza Queen mine at Silverton. The stockholders are made up of St. Paul and Minneapolis investors.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE 1,800 JAPS IN FIGHT ON YALU

BUREAU PROBES PACKERS' TRUST

Department of Commerce Sends Agents to Investigate Methods of Combine.

New York Sun Special Service. Washington, March 19.—The first trust hunt of the bureau of commerce and labor will begin Monday. Special agents of the bureau of corporations left here to-day for the west to collect information regarding the methods used by the big packing houses of Chicago. It is expected the investigation will extend not only to Chicago, but to Omaha, Kansas City, St. Joseph and other places where the packing houses are located.

2,000 MOROS ARE ROUTED BY WOOD

Fort of Datto Who Resisted Anti-Slavery Law Captured.

Manila, March 19.—News of an important military engagement has just been received from Catabao, capital of the province of Mindanao. On March 18 detachments of the Seventeenth and Twenty-third infantry, Troop B, of the Fourteenth cavalry and Gately's battery, in all 450 strong, under command of General Leonard Wood attacked and captured the fort which was held by the datto Ali, who resists the anti-slavery law.

OIL PLANT DESTROYED

\$100,000 Lost Thru Fire in New Jersey Town.

Elizabethport, N. J., March 19.—The plant of the Bay Way Refining company was destroyed by a fire that started here early to-day. The flames spread to the plant of the Pennsylvania and Delaware Oil company, and the warehouse and part of the dock were burned. About 200 feet of the dock of the Pennsylvania and Delaware company were destroyed. The loss is \$100,000.

VICTORY CLAIMED BY RUSSIAN ARMY

Dispatch Received at Chi-fu From Mukden Announces Engagement.

Special to The Journal. Chi-fu, March 19.—A private dispatch has been received here to the effect that the Russians and Japanese have come together on the Yalu river, and that a battle has been fought. The dispatch does not say when or where the engagement took place. The Russians, according to the report, claim to have taken 1,800 prisoners and to have routed the Japanese force. There are no details given of the fight.

GOODNER'S THEORY OF NELSON CASE

Dead Girl Sought to Make Herself Sick Only and Then to Prosecute Mrs. Dye.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 19.—State's Attorney Goodner and Sheriff Laughlin of Pierre, who have been at Boone to investigate that end of the Rena Nelson poison case, left Des Moines this morning for home. They are taking with them a story of duplicity and hardihood on the part of Miss Nelson that will shock the relatives and friends of the dead girl. Mr. Goodner says that Miss Nelson bought the candy at the drug store of Dahoss & Company at Pierre. The bombons were made in Mankato and none manufactured in the Minnesota town is sold at Boone, the home of the Dyes.

VICE ADMIRAL STARK

Who tried to commit suicide.

from the command of the fleet at Port Arthur and called home after the battle of Feb. 9, has tried to commit suicide.

MARCH AGAINST RUSSIANS

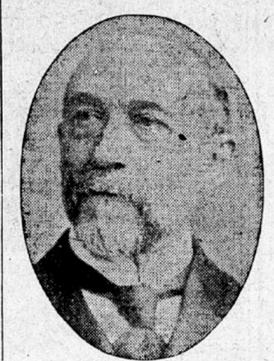
Japs Begin First Assault on Line West of Port Arthur.

New York Sun Special Service. Wel-hai-wei, March 19.—The first assault in force on the Russian line.

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PLATT IN RING AGAINST ODELL

Senator Will Try to Wrest Political Supremacy From Governor.



SENATOR THOMAS C. PLATT. Who declares war on Odell.

New York Sun Special Service. New York, March 19.—Senator Platt has decided to try to wrest from Governor Odell the power of political supremacy in New York state, which the governor recently won from him. "The war is on," says the senator. He immediately proved it by sending out imperative calls to his trusted henchmen thruout the state to meet him here to-night and Sunday and map out a plan of campaign.

MORMON APOSTLES SHOCK ORIENTALS

Testimony in Smoot Investigation Shakes Faith in Christianity.

New York Sun Special Service. Washington, March 19.—Senators who are investigating the Smoot case have received many letters and visits from diplomats in Washington who represent such countries as Siam, Turkey, China and Korea. The diplomats in question are desirous of getting as many of the volumes of the testimony in the case as the honorable senators can give them, and they make daily visits to the senate to keep the legislators up to their promises.

BLEW BUILDING TO BITS

ROBBERS AT FIRTH, NEB., SCARED AWAY BEFORE THEY COULD OPEN SAFE.

Firth, Neb., March 19.—Robbers last night blew the First National bank building to pieces in an attempt to loot the safe, but failed to secure the treasure. J. W. Dean was locked up in his restaurant adjoining the bank, to prevent him from interfering. The robbers were frightened away by citizens before they could blow open the safe.

Noting that the gray winter uniforms of German troops and the blue clothing of Chinese recruits could not be distinguished from each other at long distances, a German officer in China experimented on the visibility of uniforms. A column was divided into five sections, each with its special clothing, and was placed in close formation behind bushes without foliage. At about 1,400 yards the section in gray and that in overcoats appeared like uniform dark posts, while the section in khaki and that in canvas were hardly visible. At 500 yards the gray began to look lighter than the dark blue. The gray overcoats, like long dark stripes, made very good marks, but both khaki and canvas were difficult marks at all distances.

ASSIGNMENT MADE BY COTTON KING

Daniel J. Sully and Partners Try to Protect Their Creditors.

Speculator Declares His Embarrassment Will Be Only Temporary.

Sensational Developments Predicted for To-day Fail to Take Form.

New York, March 19.—Following the failure of the cotton firm of Daniel J. Sully & Co., announced on the cotton exchange yesterday, there was little to indicate at the opening of the morning session to-day any of the sensational developments expected last night. The market opened irregular from 5 points lower to 24 points higher. The workers about the pit were somewhat apprehensive, but were reassured by cable from Liverpool, and the announcement that the Sully firm expected to resume in four days.

Better Feeling Apparent. Shortly after the call, a better feeling became apparent and it was evident that important trade interests were doing their utmost to encourage the trade and uphold prices. Upon his arrival at his hotel, Mr. Sully conferred with his attorney and received notice of an injunction issued to-day by Justice O'Gorman of the supreme court restraining the Corn Exchange bank from paying certain margin certificates amounting to \$30,000, delivered on March 18 to the order of D. J. Sully & Co. The order was obtained by S. Munn, Son & Co., Superintendent of King of Cotton Exchange called at Mr. Sully's office soon after the latter's arrival and got him to sign contracts releasing upwards of \$1,000,000 of margin money due to cotton brokers in the city and various points in the country.

Statement to Exchange. "While I am not prepared to make a statement of my affairs, I feel that as a member of this exchange, I owe to you and to my fellow members that the same straightforward method with which my business has always been performed between us in the past will characterize my method of dealing with my creditors in this emergency."

"I am engaged in making a careful examination of my affairs and at the earliest possible moment I will report the result. Meanwhile I crave the patient forbearance of you all, feeling assured that this embarrassment will be only a temporary one, and that I will be able satisfactorily to adjust my affairs very speedily."

"D. J. Sully & Co. have made an assignment with Joseph H. Headley as assignee. Mr. Headley, upon advice of his counsel, George S. Graham, has taken charge of the office and is examining the firm's accounts. At present he is unable to make any statement regarding the assets or liabilities of the firm altho he hopes to give out this information within two or three days."

Feeling of Confidence. Towards the close of the cotton market, there was evidently a feeling of greater confidence and it seemed as tho a concerted effort was being made to bid the market up to make the settling figures as favorable to the Sully people as possible.

May sold at 13.87 and July at 14.06, with the market closing very steady at a net advance of from 40 to 70 points on the more active months, while the new crop was 5 to 15 points net higher; sales were estimated at 350,000 bales.

Leading Philadelphia spot interests were heavy buyers on the advance and private advices from the south stated that spot offerings were being withdrawn.

NEW ORLEANS SITUATION

Prices Advance at Opening in Pit but Afterwards Decline.

New Orleans, March 19.—Unusual interest attached to the opening of the

A WEEK OF THE WAR

Neither the Russian nor the Japanese plan of campaign has developed materially this week.

The Russians are reported to have evacuated Korea, to have recrossed the Yalu and to have retired again into Manchuria. As a matter of fact, almost nothing is really known of Russian movements.

Japan is said to have invaded Manchuria from Northeastern Korea by way of the valley between the headwaters of the Yalu and Tuman rivers. If true, and it has been unofficially confirmed, the movement means that the Japanese purpose to attack Mukden and to cut off Vladivostok from the Russian base.

The Japanese are reported to have left Seoul and to have advanced in force on the Yalu. This is confirmed by a dispatch received to-day from Russian sources to the effect that a battle has been fought on the Yalu and that 1,800 Japanese have been taken prisoners.

The Japanese are also reported to have begun the first assault in force on the Russian line west of Port Arthur. This indicates that land fighting is imminent.

The Vladivostok fleet has been at sea for three days. Its destination is kept secret. It is supposed that the Japanese prevented the Russian squadrons from uniting and that Admiral Makaroff returned to Port Arthur without being able to notify the commander of the Vladivostok division. If the Japanese succeed now in rounding the latter up, there will be a fierce naval battle with chances against the Russians.

There are reports of small skirmishes, most of them unconfirmed. One is to the effect that a Japanese column was ambushed near Ping Yank and annihilated, two hundred being killed or captured.

Russia is anxiously watching China. The Celestials are believed to be lending assistance to Japan, even going so far, according to St. Petersburg, as to permit Admiral Togo to use a Chinese port as a base from which he attacks Port Arthur.



AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT By Wireless Telegraphy—The Vladivostok fleet was this morning sighted sailing about Mars. Later—One torpedo boat destroyer was wrecked by accidentally bumping into a falling star.

SPECIAL

All entries in The Journal's Popular Voting Contest to determine its 40 most popular subscribers must be made before April 1. NO ENTRIES WILL BE RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME.

WHAT THE CONTEST IS. The Journal will take 40 of its most popular subscribers to St. Louis' World's Fair, pay all their expenses and give them the trip of their lives. Get in the race and be one of the "Fortunate Forty."

PLAN OF CONTEST. Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Northern Michigan are divided into 40 districts, according to counties. Each district is entitled to one prize winner to go on The Journal's great trip. The subscriber who gets the largest vote in each district is that district's winner. Enter your own name and get in the race—you stand as good a chance to win as anybody.

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