

Many Important Changes to Be Made In United States Diplomatic Circles.



A general shakeup in the diplomatic service is said to be scheduled for Feb. 1. It is stated that President Taft has decided to leave all diplomatic selections save one to Secretary Knox and his departmental advisers. The one personal appointment which the president will make is that of J. G. Schmidlapp of Cincinnati to be ambassador to Russia to succeed William Woodville Rockhill. Mr. Schmidlapp, who is a prominent banker and a man of great wealth, is a warm personal friend of President Taft. Huntington Wilson, assistant secretary of state, will be made ambassador to Turkey, according to the report. Thomas J. O'Brien of Michigan, ambassador to Japan, will be transferred from Tokyo to one of the important European posts. Former Vice President Fairbanks of Indiana will garner one of the ambassadorial plum and may be named as the successor of Mr. O'Brien, although it is understood that he prefers to go to Europe. Senator Beveridge of Indiana, who is one of the more prominent senatorial lame ducks as a result of the recent election, is talked of for a diplomatic appointment, but it is understood that the president has not waxed enthusiastic at the suggestion, and it is altogether improbable that more than one ambassadorship would be given to Indiana.

CRAWFORD HILL'S DIAMOND FOUND IN PAWN SHOP

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 21.—A seven and one-half carat blue diamond, valued at \$5,000, which was stolen from the home of Crawford Hill, owner of the Denver Republican, in Denver, last Saturday, was found in a pawnshop here yesterday. The gem had been sold for \$200. There is no clue to the man who brought the diamond to the shop. The stone is one of a collection made by the late U. S. Senator N. P. Hill, father of Crawford Hill.

PAUL E. STEVENSON DEAD.

New York, Dec. 21.—Paul Eve Stevenson, author and yachtsman, is dead at his apartments in the Hotel Belmont here of pneumonia, after an illness of only a few hours. He was 41 years old. Born in New York city, Mr. Stevenson was a graduate of Columbia university and had devoted most of his time since graduating to yachting and the writing of sea tales. He was one of the participants in the ocean yacht race for the German emperor's cup in 1906, making the perilous voyage from Sydney Hook to The Lizard on board of yacht Albatross.

Among his sea stories were "A Deep Water Voyage," "By Way of Cape Horn," "The Race for the Emperor's Cup," "The Story of the Ship Toid," and "Aboard in the Tropics." He was also an automobile enthusiast and a well known New York clubman.

AMERICAN MULE CONSIDERED SUPERIOR

Washington, Dec. 21.—In South Africa, the American mule is considered superior to the animals imported from Argentina, according to consular reports. The Missouri or Kentucky mule is the best suited for South Africa. One hundred mules were recently imported from the United States, and they have proved so satisfactory that a contract for 200 more has just been closed. The mules must be 14½ hands, deep girth, good bone and short legged and must be between four and seven years old. The price paid for an American mule in South Africa is slightly less

than \$250, but before they enter the country they are passed upon by a veterinary surgeon.

WHEN THE SWEARING HABIT IS NOT IMMORAL

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—When swearing is a habit, followed in good humor it does not fall in the category of the immoral and cannot be scheduled as such an indignity as to entice the wife to a divorce, according to an opinion rendered in the circuit court here yesterday by Judge T. A. Frank Jones, in granting a divorce to Samuel McGee, a Kansas City policeman. Judge Jones severely reprimanded Mrs. McGee, saying that she had so conducted herself that the big

policeman was nothing but a "mere cipher" in his own home. "It is shown that Mrs. McGee is frugal and industrious," said the judge, "but that is not the garnet of the wife's virtues. The law vests the husband with special authority over his household. The wife promises obedience to it when she marries. Mrs. McGee has not submitted to that authority."

MARRIAGE FEE AT BARGAIN RATES

Youngstown, Mo., Dec. 21.—As a special inducement to sweethearts, Justice J. A. Timaman of this city reduced his fee for performing a marriage cere-

mony to \$1.98. He has caused to be inserted into newspapers in this section of the state an advertisement which says in part:

"Weddings reduced to \$1.98. During the holidays and until further notice Justice J. A. Timaman will perform marriage ceremonies for \$1.98, cash in hand."

STANDARDIZATION TRIALS OF NAVAL VESSELS

Washington, Dec. 21.—All standardization trials of naval vessels in commission in the Atlantic ocean in the future will be held on either the Rockland, Me., or the Guantanamo, Cuba, trial

courses, unless otherwise specifically directed. An order to this effect has been issued by Acting Secy. of the Navy Winthrop; these two courses were selected because of their depth of water. The courses off Provincetown, Mass., and at Lewes, Del., will not be used except in special instances.

The standardization trials, which determine the number of revolutions per knot, are usually held about once a year for each vessel in commission.

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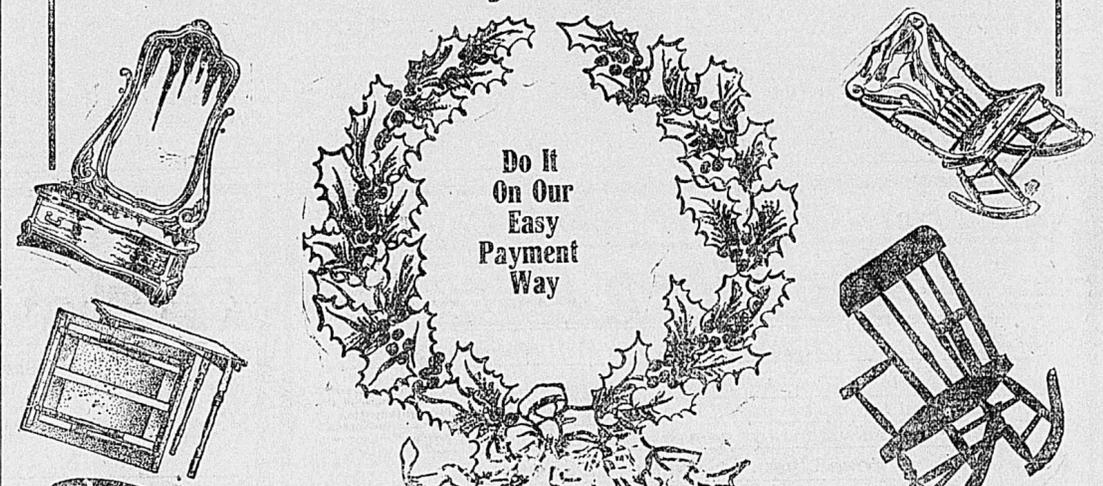
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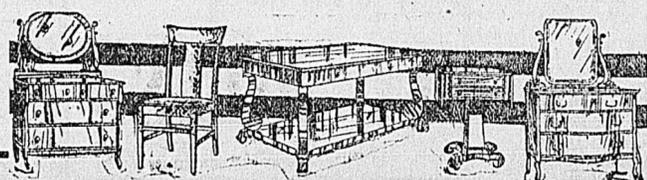
LIMOGES CHINA set, 100 pieces, in dainty decoration, best quality Limoges ware set, worth \$41.25, Xmas week **\$33.00**

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