

the Cabinet. Those who know something of Mr. Harding's methods of working out his problems are of the opinion that he is very aptly using Mr. Mellon to break down opposition to Mr. Hoover. In other words, when the anti-Hooverites come around to Mr. Harding's way of thinking and do it with good grace, he will announce Mr. Mellon's appointment. It is believed by persons in a position to know something about what is going on that this bit of manoeuvring accounts for the fact that Mr. Mellon has not appeared here for consultation with Mr. Harding. The same may be true in connection with the Labor portfolio. Supporters of Mr. Mellon are not as sympathetic as Mr. Harding to the proposal to name a recognized labor man to head that department, and the President-elect may be holding off announcement of the Treasury place until they come into more harmonious agreement.

DAUGHERTY STORMY IN POLITICS OF OHIO

Career Linked With Harding Since Latter Was Elected Lieutenant-Governor.

WAS CLOSEST ADVISER

President-Elect Refused to Break Relations When Enemies Demanded.

One thing may be stated with every emphasis: Mr. Harding's selection of his selections for the three remaining places in his Cabinet—Navy, Commerce and Labor—as he has done those already filled, with consideration for future as well as immediate requirements. In a talk to-day with Meyer Bloomfield of Boston, editor of two influential labor organs, Mr. Harding made it plain that in his selection of the Secretary of Labor he is considering not only the existing relationship between employers and employees, but also the problems that he foresees may arise. For this reason he is marshalling all the reliable information he can get on industrial conditions and what it portends.

Harry M. Daugherty has been Warren G. Harding's closest adviser since the latter's name first was mentioned for the Presidency in the days before the Chicago convention. Before the nomination of Mr. Harding Mr. Daugherty was known as a lawyer of Columbus and as a man who had become one of the most important factors in Republican politics in Ohio.

The history of Mr. Daugherty's political career begins in the days of Mark Hanna, when he was a member of the inner councils of the State party. Upon the death of Hanna in 1904 Mr. Daugherty began to make himself felt more and more. His path, however, was a rocky one. His Senatorial ambitions were blocked in 1916 by the opposition faction and he was checked again in 1918 when he tried to turn the nomination for Governor of Ohio for Frank B. Willis, who now is Senator-elect.

Mr. Daugherty's enemies declared he was dead politically when in 1919 the opposition overthrew him completely by organizing the State party and placing control in the hands of an advisory committee in which he had no place and from which his friends also had been omitted. Mr. Daugherty, however, those who believed in Daugherty and stuck to him. Although it is said the Senator was advised that his candidacy would be opposed if Daugherty were allowed to have anything to do with it, Mr. Harding nevertheless let him manage his pre-convention campaign.

The friendship between Mr. Daugherty and the President-elect dates back to the days before Mr. Harding was Lieutenant Governor of Ohio.

Mr. Harding was anxious to get Mr. Daugherty's views as those of a practical shipping man. It is known the President-elect is far from satisfied with the functioning and accomplishments of the United States Shipping Board. He is, in fact, favorably disposed to the suggestion for its complete abolition as soon as some substitute agency can be devised. He is also giving serious thought to the suggestion that has been put forward by Edward N. Hurley and others for the creation of a Department of Marine.

As even more radical suggestion that has been made to him is for the creation of a Department of Transportation to take jurisdiction over all freight and passenger movements by water or rail. Mr. Harding indicated, however, that he did not think Congress was yet ready to consider seriously any such extreme innovation.

STATE DEPARTMENT POST FOR FLETCHER Hughes Selects Diplomat as Under-Secretary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Henry P. Fletcher, former American Ambassador to Mexico, is to be Under-Secretary of State in the Harding Administration. The tender of the position to Mr. Fletcher, who is here after spending considerable time in Florida with the President-elect, was made through Charles E. Hughes, whose selection as Secretary of State was announced Saturday by Mr. Harding. Formal acceptance of the position offered him is said to be planned by Mr. Fletcher immediately.

According to information here Mr. Harding had Mr. Fletcher in mind for service in some diplomatic capacity, and in selecting him for Under-Secretary of State consulted Mr. Fletcher's wishes. There have been reports that Mr. Fletcher might be named Ambassador to Tokyo, but his selection as Under-Secretary is said to be definite.

Mr. Fletcher, who is a Pennsylvanian, has been in the diplomatic service for many years, serving under the Wilson administration until recently, when he resigned. Mr. Fletcher late in the day held an extended conference with Mr. Hughes, who arrived in Washington early in the day from St. Augustine. Neither Mr. Hughes nor Mr. Fletcher would discuss the conference, and the latter refused to discuss the offer of the position of Under-Secretary, saying that any announcement might more properly come from Mr. Harding at St. Augustine.

HAYS MAY HOLD PARTY OFFICE UNTIL SUMMER

Hilles Is Eliminated by His Own Decision.

Friends of Will H. Hays in this city yesterday said it was his desire to retire from the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee as soon as possible after he takes up his work as Postmaster-General in Washington. They predicted, however, that it might be several months before a change in the chairmanship was made.

According to these men it is the desire of the President and of Mr. Hays himself to lay out a definite plan of campaign for the Congress elections of 1922 before the present chairman surrenders the helm to another. Not only to fix upon a definite course of action, but also to see it under way is the desire of Mr. Hays.

How long this may take is uncertain, but the chances are that Mr. Hays will not remain at the head of the committee after the meeting to be held for the consideration of the report of the special committee named to work out a plan for reducing the representation in the Southern States. It had been hoped this report would be ready for the meeting of the National Committee to be held in Washington on March 3, but that has been found impossible. Still, the meeting of the full committee will be held before the early summer.

It is known that the suggestion of Senator New of Indiana as his successor is particularly pleasing to Mr. Hays. He would also welcome the choice of A. T. Hert of Kentucky. Both men worked in closest harmony with him during the last campaign. Under no circumstances will Charles D. Hilles consent to take the chairmanship, although some of his friends in New York State have been urging him to consider it. He feels the chairmanship should be in a position to devote practically all his time to the work, as has Mr. Hays. His business interests would not permit this.

CALM STRANGER SAVES MANY IN THEATRE FIRE

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 21.—Citizens of Westley to-night were seeking the identity of a person whose cool-headedness undoubtedly prevented loss of life among 400 spectators in the Lyric Theatre in that town during a fire which caused damage of \$20,000.

A motion picture show was in progress in the theatre on the second floor of the building when the unidentified man saw a tongue of flame appear through the floor between his feet. He quietly arose and made his way to the usher, whom he informed. The usher then turned on all the lights and told the spectators it was necessary to vacate the theatre quietly and at once.

POPE SAYS FAREWELL TO ARCHBISHOP HAYES Grants All Requests Made by New York Prelate.

ROME, Feb. 21.—Pope Benedict to-day bade farewell to Archbishop Hayes of New York. The Pontiff expressed his pleasure over the visit of the Archbishop and granted all the requests made by the prelate, especially for promotions and honors which are to be conferred on ecclesiastics and laymen in the archdiocese of New York. Archbishop Hayes will announce the honors on his return home.

The Pontiff on taking leave of the Archbishop entrusted to him the duty of imparting the apostolic benediction to the faithful and the Holy Father's assurance of his paternal affection and constant solicitude for them.

THREATENS TO INTER WASHINGTON'S BODY

Member of Family Demands Names of Conrads Come Off Mt. Vernon Slab.

SIZES UP HIS RELATIVE

Says Greatest Thing He Did Was Refusal to Become King of United States.

NARARETH, Pa., Feb. 21.—The Washington family wants the family burial plot in Mount Vernon closed to the public. It wants the names of the Conrads, who are descended from some of the Washingtons, removed from the monument in the enclosure, maintaining that some of the members of the Conrad family whose names appear are not even buried there.

Those declarations were made here to-night by George Steptoe Washington, whose father and mother were descended from two brothers of the nation's first President. He spoke before the Conrads Association of Nazareth Hall, a school here.

Recalling that the family burial plot was not included in the sale of Mount Vernon to the association which now owns it, Mr. Washington said: "The family reserves the right to close off this space at any time, and the right to inter the two bodies of George Washington and his wife—and once interred, they will not be on view. The association and the public have no rights on this half acre. The association, without any right, allowed the Conrads to put the names of some deceased members on the monument in this reserved space. These names will have to be removed."

Dealing with the Washingtons in the world war, Mr. Washington first pointed out that they had become a large family. "One of my cousins," he said, "has nine sons, and all enlisted in the late war. Two went to Russia and four to France and Italy."

"There are few Washingtons in public life. I suppose they feel that the example set is too great to live up to. There is one who is an admiral. The quietly arose and made his way to the head usher, whom he informed. The usher then turned on all the lights and told the spectators it was necessary to vacate the theatre quietly and at once."

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ANGLO-RUSSIA PACT LIKELY IN FEW DAYS

Treaty Ready and Signature of Krassine Is Awaited in London.

RAILWAY SERVICE ENDS

4,500 Miles Abandoned Because of Fuel Shortage and Poor Equipment.

LONDON, Feb. 22 (Tuesday).—The Daily Mail learns that minor modifications of the Anglo-Russian commercial treaty have been agreed to by both sides, and no difficult obstacles remain.

Leonid Krassine, the Russian representative, will arrive in London in a few days, soon after which the Daily Mail says, it is expected both parties will sign the treaty.

RIGA, Latvia, Feb. 21.—The fuel crisis in Soviet Russia is the most acute topic of the day, reports from Moscow stating that all newspapers are devoting their attention to it. The crisis is particularly hard-felt in the Moscow railway junction, the Izcestria being quoted as saying there is only a few days' supply there and closing of the repair shops is threatened, many of the locomotive boilers having been frozen.

The newspaper adds there is no hope of immediate improvement and railway service has been suspended on 4,500 miles of Russian railways. Numerous other lines, particularly those from the Donetz and Siberian coal fields, are badly crippled.

DEVISE SCALE TO WEIGH 100TH PART OF A GRAIN

Swedish Scientists Perfect Research Invention.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 21.—Prof. Peterson and Stromberg, respectively of Gothenburg and Stockholm universities, are said to have perfected a new invention which is called "the microscale," which, it is asserted, is capable of registering weights as low as one three-millionth of a milligram. It is declared that the invention will prove most important in chemical and physical research.

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