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COLONEL HOUSE—PRESIDENT'S CHIEF ADVISER

WORD SKETCH OF QUIET TEXAN, "SILENT PARTNER" OF THE ADMINISTRATION, WHO HAS BEEN WILSON'S CRONY DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS AND HAS WON THE TITLE, "SUPER-DIPLOMAT."

When the vast crisis arose on the last day of January—the German announcement of ruthless submarine war—a quiet, grave, inconspicuous man slipped into the Pennsylvania railroad station in New York City by a private entrance, sequestered himself in a train and sped to Washington.

Arrived there, into a waiting White House automobile stepped Col. E. M. House, super-diplomat.

He whirled away for a before-breakfast talk with the sorely-burdened president. In this hour of greatest distress, as in many others, he was the chief executive's closest confidant and adviser.

President's "Silent Partner." Known as the president's "silent partner" and unofficial statesman, he is perhaps one of the most interesting and mysterious characters in the diplomatic history of the United States.

He is related to know interest, has no class feeling and has been fed with no political plums. He is not in politics for either health or profit, but in a spirit of deadly earnest his one desire seems to be to help the nation.

President Wilson has offered him many diplomatic posts, but he prefers to serve in the ranks as a private. So, whenever there has been a crisis in the history of the Wilson administration Colonel House has always rushed to the president's side as fast as steam or gasoline could carry him.

He has made an exhaustive study of the German situation from close observation and personal application. He has been in Berlin on a mission the object of which no one but the president and his closest advisers can even hazard a guess. His mysterious trips to all parts of the globe have always been with the good of the American people at heart, and he has worked with tireless energy to keep the president informed of the exact situation in whatever locality he has been sent to.

Unobtrusive Scholarly Man.

Born in Texas, owner of a vast acreage of ranch lands and cattleman by profession, the general impression might be created that he is a man of the rough, untutored force that has generally been the product of the border. Not of this type, however, is Colonel House. He is a quiet, unobtrusive, scholarly man, possessing all the determination of the rough and tumble fighter coupled with the keen insight and perception of national affairs that are usually the main attributes of the trained diplomat.

He has been the president's crony since his inauguration. He is the balance wheel at the White House, the adviser of the administration. He has settled party quarrels among the senators and congressmen. He has settled party quarrels among the senators and congressmen. He has been ridiculed by the press, but he cares not for ridicule, he has other matters of more moment to be concerned about, and he goes on doing his duty as he sees it with implicit faith and understanding.

Early in life Colonel House realized that the government of the United States did not entirely comprise the president, the senate and congress, but that a small group of astute men were in reality the power behind the throne. Right then and there he made up his mind that the life of a statesman was not for him. He wanted to win a place as the balance of power and set out with that end in view.

The unchallenged 40 votes from Texas in the Baltimore convention were the bulk of the Wilson delegates. His nomination was conceded to be a fluke, but whether or not it was a fluke thought out in advance by House is now a matter for much speculation. Certainly House appeared to be the balance of power and he wielded it in the direction of Woodrow Wilson.

House was for Wilson first, last and at all times. He was also a close personal friend of William Jennings Bryan, and it is whispered in out-of-the-way political corners that it was the persuasive powers of Colonel House that helped the Nebraskan see the error of his way and the nomination of Wilson.

Power at Washington.

Following the election, Colonel House kept in touch with almost every phase of the political situation, and did so without getting in the limelight. He was recognized as a forceful power at Washington, and yet as a power that was liable to work in mysterious ways. No one could put their finger on the activities of the Texan, yet all knew he was busy. No one succeeded in figuring out just what the man of mystery was doing, yet everyone knew it was something of grave importance. He was sizing up the personal value of prospective cabinet members. He

was looking over the list of available diplomats, and he was at the president's elbow whenever that personage needed him.

No one has ever doubted that he was part of the machinery which advised the president what to do and what not to do, but at the present time it has become more evident than ever that he is even more than part of the great machine of state. He is the power behind the president.

Colonel House fits on in his own phantom manner, taking neither praise nor condemnation seriously, yet playing his own part in the manipulation of the ship of state.

In the recent serious situation it was Colonel House whom the president first called; on him evidently falls the burden of advice; and no one for a minute has any idea that the quiet Texan will falter in doing what he considers best for the nation at large. If he is the power that steers the ship of state it is evident that the course will be steered according to knowledge and not hearsay. Colonel House is a unique figure in the life of the country, and when the history of these times of stress is written he will undoubtedly be recognized as a very important figure.

PROOF THAT GERMANS GUTTED BIG LINERS

TWO CAPTAINS SAY THEY DESTROYED ENGINES ON EM-BASSY ORDERS.

That the machinery of the big Hamburg-American liner Saxonla, now interned at Eagle Harbor, near Seattle, was disabled and the ship put out of commission under cover of darkness February 5, on secret orders of Dr. Emil Oehr, former imperial German consul at Seattle, has been definitely learned by federal officials from Captain Franz Helfer, master of the vessel, according to the Seattle Times.

Disclosure of the Saxonla plot, which resulted in the arrest and detention of Captain Helfer, and 12 of his crew in Seattle, follows close on the heels of discovery of a huge international conspiracy alleged to have been instituted by the Berlin government to render useless interned German vessels expected to fall into the hands of the United States in the event of war between the two nations.

Testifying in the federal court at Boston the other day, Captain Charles A. Polack swore under oath that an official of the German embassy at Boston ordered the engines and machinery of the crack North German Lloyd Atlantic liner Kronprinzessin Cecelle disabled when diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States seemed at the breaking point.

Captain Polack said the work of destruction was done on January 31 and February 1 to prevent the use of the fast liner by the United States government in the event of hostilities with Germany.

As a result of the testimony of Captain Polack, Federal Judge Morton ordered the owners of the vessel to furnish \$200,000 bonds to guarantee that no further damage would be done to the liner and that the damage already done its machinery would be repaired.

OPPOSES MILITARY BILL.

County Parent-Teachers' Association Objects to Compulsory Measure.

Military training in the high schools was formally opposed by the Thurston County Parent-Teachers' association at its meeting at the high school last Saturday, on the ground that it would develop a war spirit among the youth of the state and that it would not reach the class of boys who needed physical training.

The association also favored amending the anti-cigarette law so that a minor who informs officers of the dealer who sold him cigarettes would not be punished. During the afternoon a musical program was given and a stereopticon lecture on kindergarten by Rev. H. S. Templeton. Eighteen of the circles of the county were represented.

Ditch Hearing Postponed.

An error made by the Lewis county auditor has made it necessary to postpone from March 6 to March 20, the hearing to be conducted jointly by the commissioners of Thurston and Lewis counties, on the petition for a drainage district in the southwestern part of this county and the northeastern corner of Lewis. The hearing is to be held in the Commercial club rooms at Centralia.

LAWRENCE VICTIM OF POLITICAL FEUD

CHARGE MADE BY FRIENDS IN OPEN LETTER AFTER HIS ACQUITTAL.

That an old political feud in the Republican party of this state was back of the recent indictment and trial of John C. Lawrence, former state railroad commissioner, with four other officers of the Northwest General Trading company of Spokane, is the charge preferred by Senator Poindexter to department of justice officials at the national capital, and by various prominent friends of Lawrence in an open letter to the public, issued this week.

Mr. Lawrence was acquitted last week by a jury in the federal court at Spokane, after a lengthy trial, though the four others indicted with him were convicted. Senator Poindexter has asked Attorney General Gregory to investigate and in a letter to that official points out, as does the open letter, that M. E. Hay, jr., son of the former governor, was foreman of the jury which indicted Lawrence, and declares that the indictment was manifestly due to the political animus of a member of the jury.

Signers of Open Letter.

The open letter is signed by L. C. Crow, ex-president of the Farmers' Union, Master C. B. Kegley of the Washington State Grange; Almir McCurtain, executive secretary of the Farmers' Union; James Hays, president of the Farmers' Union; H. J. Herman, a member of its executive committee; J. P. Hill, T. O. Mansfield, a director of the Farmers' Union; Geo. P. Larsen, secretary of the Spokane County Pomona Grange, and I. H. Jennings, a member of the state executive committee of the Farmers' Union from 1912 to 1916. The letter reads:

"To the Public:

"Now that Honorable John C. Lawrence has been acquitted, his friends need no further assurance of his innocence. But the wide publicity given to his indictment and the manifestly unfair and misleading statements published concerning his connection with the Northwestern General Trading Company, elicits this voluntary statement from officers and members of the Farmers' Union and Grange responsible for endorsement of the Trading Company which brought on an antagonism culminating in the indictment.

Political Conspiracy.

"Mr. Lawrence's conduct was at all times honorable and upright in every respect. There was no attempt at deception. He has always been worthy the fullest confidence imposed in him. His integrity and public spirit are above question. The rankest injustice has been done him in what we believe to be a political conspiracy. The public generally should know that a son of former Governor M. E. Hay, while home on a vacation from an Eastern school, was foreman of the grand jury which brought the indictment.

"The record of Mr. Lawrence is one of nearly forty years citizenship in Washington. Much of this time

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The four officials who were convicted of using the mails to defraud were sentenced as follows:

Gale Smith, to serve a year in jail and pay a fine of \$10,000.

S. T. Knudson, to serve a year and pay a fine of \$7,500.

C. L. Davies, to serve nine months in jail and pay a fine of \$5,000.

O. C. Fowler, to three months and fined \$750.

Asks New School District.

A delegation of residents of the Chambers' Prairie neighborhood appeared before County Superintendent O. C. Goss Monday in support of a petition for the formation of a new school district. Forty new families have lately moved into the district, greatly increasing the attendance at the school, and for this reason the petitioners say a new district and new school house are necessary.

A series of revival services were opened last Sunday in the Rochester M. E. church. Rev. Frank W. P. Camp, pastor of the church, is being assisted by Rev. B. W. Rinehart of Bothel, Wash. The latter has had much experience in revival work.

Fifty Chinese pheasants, raised by H. W. Myers on his game farm at Butler's cove, were released Sunday by County Game Warden James Fen-nell.

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