PAYNE DIES OF HEART FAILURE

Postmaster General Passes Away in Washington Apartments After a Short Illness.

CORTELYOU TO SUCCEED HIM

Secretary of Labor and Industry will Take the Postoffice Portfolio in December.

Washington, Oct. 4.—Henry C. Payne, postmaster general of the United States, a member of the republican national committee, a stalwart of his home party, with the history of which in his home state and nationally he had been identified for many years, died at his apartments at the Arlington hotel at 6:10 o'clock tonight, aged 60 years.

The death and its cause was announced in the following official bulletin issued by the attending physicians:

"Postmaster General Payne died at 6:10 p. m. The end was peaceful. Cause of death, disuse of mitral valve and dilation of the heart.

"The members of the family and Drs. Magruder, Grayson, and Rixey were at the bedside when the end came. The postmaster general had been unconscious for two or three hours previously."

Mr. Payne had been in poor health for at least two years, but his last illness covered only seven days, an attack of heart trouble last week precipitating the end at a time when, after a rest, he seemed to have recovered a small measure of the vitality impaired by years of arduous labor. Death this afternoon came after nearly six hours of unconsciousness. The last official caller to inquire as to Mr. Payne's condition was President Roosevelt, and he had been gone only about 10 minutes when the stricken member of his cabinet expired. As Mr. Roosevelt was leaving he spoke feelingly of Mr. Payne to the newspaper men gathered in front of the hotel as, "the sweetest, most lovable and most trustful man I ever knew." Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by Captain Cowles, also was a caller at the family apartments of the Paynes during the late afternoon.

Around Mr. Payne's bedside at the the time of death, were his devoted wife, Rev. Mr. Dunlap, pastor of St. John's Episcopal church; Major and Mrs. W. S. Cameron of Jamestown, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Cameron of Milwaukee, Charles L. Jones and Miss Louise Jones, relatives; Private Secretary Whitney, Miss Mary Barleyere, an old companion of Mrs. Payne; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mason of Washington, old time friends of Mr. and Mrs. Payne, and the faithful colored messenger at the department of the postmaster general.

When Mr. Payne had breathed his last Dr. Magruder led Mrs. Payne out of the room. It was stated that she had stood up bravely under the heavy strain.

The last day had been one during which practically all hope had been abandoned for some hours. The approach of dissolution began during the noon hour, when the sick man lost consciousness and no longer recognized those whom he had attempted to cheer during his illness, by saying to them that he was all right.

The Rev. Mr. Dunlap, of St. John's Episcopal church, at the request of Mrs. Payne, read at the bedside of the dying man psalm 130, "Out of the Depths," and then repeated the prayers prescribed by the Episcopal church service.

Funeral services will be held at St. John's Episcopal church in this city next Friday morning, and at 3:15 that afternoon, the body will be taken to the Pennsylvania railroad station and placed aboard the private car of President A. J. Earling, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, who tendered the use of the car and announced that it would be here tomorrow morning. The body will arrive at Milwaukee Saturday, and services will be held there next Sunday. Further plans for the funeral will be decided on tomorrow.

The death of the postmaster general came as the result really of a succession of sinking spells due to a weak heart that enfeebled the sick man until finally the heart literally gave out.

Cortelyou to Succeed.

Washington, Oct. 4.—In succession to Mr. Payne, George Bruce Cortelyou, former secretary of the department of commerce and labor, and now chairman of the republican national committee, will become postmaster general. Mr. Cortelyou's appointment as head of the postoffice department was determined on several months ago by President Roosevelt, when Mr. Payne indicated to the president his desire to retire from the department on account of the precarious condition of his health.

Mr. Payne would have resigned the portfolio long ago had it not been for the then pending investigation of the affairs of the department. He felt, however, and said many times to his friends, that he could not relinquish the duties of the office while the investigation was pending, and expressed his determination to carry the investigation to a conclusion.

The intense mental and physical strain incident to the direction of the postal investigation eventually undermined his health. He was warned again and again by his physician and friends that he was subjecting himself to a too great burden, but he refused to heed their counsel.

Having concluded the pressing work of the department and carried the inquiry to a point where it passed from the hands of the department officials to the courts, it was his intention in few months at least, to heed the admonitions of his friends and relinquish finally the cares and responsibilities of official life.

He had promised his family and friends never again to undertake any work which might imperil his health, which for many years had not been good. It is the understanding now that Mr. Cortelyou will assume the duties of postmaster general as soon as he can conveniently after the close of the campaign.

It is probable that he will enter the office about the 1st of December, although no date for the assumption of his new responsibilities has been determined upon, even tentatively; since, after the election, it will take him some time to wind up the affairs of the campaign and he may also desire to take a brief rest. In the interim, the responsibilities of directing the affairs of the postoffice department will devolve on Mr. Wynne, who has just returned with Mrs. Wynne and their two young daughters from an extended trip to Europe.

HILL SPEAKS FOR DEMOCRACY.

New York Senator Attacks Administration's Course in Panama.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 4.—David B. Hill made his first speech in the democratic campaign here tonight before the Albany Constitution club in the Humane Society hall. The Young Men's Democratic club marched to the hall in a body and there was a large attendance of Albany democrats. The speech was devoted to an attack upon the course pursued by President Roosevelt in connection with the Panama canal treaty, and the revolution which resulted in the secession of Panama from the republic of Columbia. He declared that the republican platform adopted at Chicago did not commend the "big stick" diplomacy of President Roosevelt. It merely said that the possession of a route is now an accomplished fact, and that work on a canal "is at last begun and it is due to the republican party."

The essence of the reproach of President Roosevelt made in the democratic national platform, the speaker contended, is that he has as president been "lawless" in the sense of American law and of international law. The democratic platform intended to assert that what President Roosevelt did in the Panama affair was to violate plain treaty obligations, plain internatioual usages and the constitution of the United States.

Mr. Hill quoted Secretary Hay to the effect that the treaty of 1846 did not require Columbia to permit an interoceanic canal to be constructed, but the speaker declared that it did pledge the United States to maintain the sovereignty of Columbia. He strongly denounced the president for ignoring that obligation when he ordered American naval vessels to Panama with instructions to prevent the landing of Columbian troops to put down the rebellion.

Concluding, Mr. Hill said: "Why need President Roosevelt have wielded the "big stick" in behalf of the French company, then chaffering, lobbying and huckstering at Bogota, as it had been for a quarter of a century? What influence, bad for the United States, would have been exerted by paying a few million more or less, in comparison with international law violated by the president of the United States, a public obligation like that in the treaty of 1846, repudiated by him, and legislative precedents begun by him most inconvenient and damaging in our future diplomacy?"

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THE BIG STICK POLICY

Roosevelt's Jingoism Menaces National Peace.

HIS LUST FOR GREATER POWER.

Fired With the Spirit of Imperialism, the President Would Divert the Nation's Thought From Its Home Duties to a Career of Rowdy Adventure Abroad.

In an open letter to President Roosevelt, Joseph Pulitzer, editor of the New York World, tells the chief executive that he is playing a dangerous game. He says in part:

"Mr. President, your record on April 2, 1902, was a speech at Chicago, since famous as the first appearance of the 'big stick' in our national policy:

"I believe in the Monroe doctrine with all my heart and soul; I am convinced that the immense majority of our fellow countrymen so believe in it, but I would infinitely rather see us abandon it than to see us put it forward and bluster about it and yet fail to build up the efficient fighting strength which in the last resort can alone make it respected by any strong foreign power whose interest it may ever happen to be to violate it. * * * There is a homely old adage which runs, 'Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far.' If the American nation will speak softly and yet build and keep at a pitch of the highest training a thoroughly efficient navy the Monroe doctrine will go far.

"Whatever your own motives, whether those of the honest fanatic or of the crafty political calculator, you are playing with fire all the time, playing with fire to dazzle the imaginations of the unthinking.

"The assurance with which you, Mr. President, born in 1858, assume to have discovered the United States and its policies is even more astounding than the policies themselves. You tell us that the Monroe doctrine will be an object of derision unless we have a mighty navy. The Monroe doctrine was thirty-five years old when you were born, and doing remarkably well, as it has been ever since.

"You tell us that under your leadership we have just become a 'world power.' What were we—pardon the personal illustration—more than a generation before you were born, when, with only 10,000,000 people and insignificant armaments, we flung the Monroe doctrine into the teeth of the holy alliance?

"Considering your intelligence and your knowledge of American history, your attitude seems a mystery. What can be its explanation?

"What can be the purpose of all these shrieks for a mighty army and navy, these frenzied denunciations of 'cowards,' 'weaklings' and 'cravens,' who sordidly mind their own business instead of flying to arms, with no discernible provocation; these frantic wavings of the mailed fist in the faces of the nations? The spectacle is extraordinary and bewildering.

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"You have placed your programme before the country. If it should be approved at the polls you would be bound in honor to carry it out. Such a policy would explain and legitimize swollen naval and military expenditures. If we are to follow your novel and startling lead, we shall find our armaments too small. It will not be enough to have the second navy of the world as the ships already under way will give us; we must pass England and adopt her rule of overmatching any other two fleets combined. We ought to lay down twice our present number of battleships at once. We ought to have a rough riding military dictator.

"But if this policy be preposterously absurd, you are discredited along with it. I am not speaking to Democrats—this is not a party matter. Your schemes are personal, not partisan. Your boasted Americanism is really Europeanism. It is the very antithesis of the true American spirit. You are proposing to Europeanize our institutions. Not content with the extraordinary increase in the powers and patronage of the president of the United States, you propose to become practically the president of the whole western hemisphere. The accidental head of one republic, you would make yourself the head of twenty-one.

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"What is imperialism? It is not mere external show, thrones or crowns or scepters. It is the spirit of coercion, of conquest, of arbitrary power, of war, of national aggrandizement, of military self seeking, of jingo exploitation abroad among weaker peoples, ruled with no regard for equal right, in colonies and remote dependencies.

"To see imperialism full blown one must go to England. At home English institutions are free. The cabinet is a committee of parliament. The king has not a thousandth part of your power and patronage. He could not jump a doctor, even a very skillful and agreeable one—not even Treves, who saved his life—into a major generalship or even a lieutenancy. He cannot appoint a fourth class postmaster. He has none of the enormous powers over corporations which enable you, first, to make an inquisition into the secrets of every combination of capital; second, to smash one such combination as an example, and, third, to send that grand inquisitor, Cortelyou, who was your own private secretary and later cabinet member for commerce and corporations, armed with all his deadly secrets, to pass the contribution box among the others.

"The members of your cabinet are your clerks, not your masters. You yourself are the actual head of the government, the actual commander in chief of the army and navy, the

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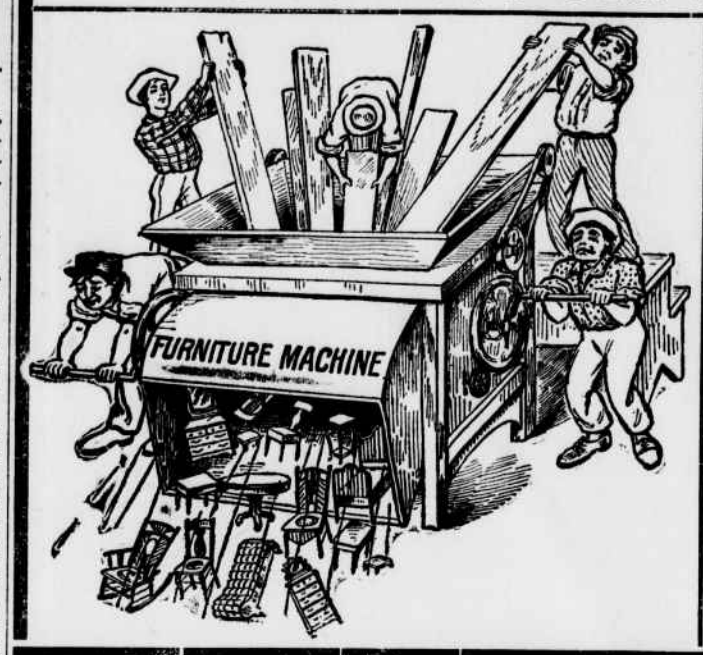

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