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FORECAST OF HARDING CABINET

Charles E. Hughes Slated for Secretary of State?

NO DEFINITE DECISIONS YET MADE

C. G. Dawes, J. W. Weeks, Will Hays, Henry Wallace and Hoover Mentioned

Marion, Dec. 28.—After weeks of consideration and consultation, President-elect Harding is nearing a decision on several of his most important cabinet appointments.

It may be said authoritatively that so far no such decision has been made and that any suggestions he may have dropped on the subject have been of a tentative and indefinite nature. It is equally certain, however, that in his talks here with leaders in many walks of life he has indicated clearly what men are uppermost in his mind as he asks for advice on the make-up of his official family.

Those who have discussed the question with him intimately believe that appointments under very serious consideration include the following: Charles E. Hughes, of New York, Secretary of State; Charles C. Dawes, of Illinois, Secretary of the Treasury; John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, Secretary of the Navy; Will Hays, of Indiana, Postmaster General or Secretary of the Interior; Henry Wallace, of Iowa, Secretary of Agriculture; Herbert Hoover, of California, Secretary of Labor, and Harry M. Daugherty, Attorney General.

How many of these actually will be given the places for which they now are most prominently mentioned is a question that even Mr. Harding himself is not yet prepared to answer. Already several shifts have been made in his tentative appointments state as he has worked his way to a balanced and harmonious cabinet and other changes are expected before the last decision is made.

It is certain that for several of the places mentioned the president-elect has more than one man under consideration and that the list of seven possibilities given here is far from complete. In regard to most of the cabinet posts decisions may be deferred for several weeks, and the intervening period of deliberation may change the whole face of the problem and make one guess at the present moment as good as another. Mr. Harding's selections for Secretary of State and Secretary of the Treasury, however, are expected to be known definitely within a few days. At the same time he may make public the name of one or two others on whom he has definitely decided for membership in the cabinet.

Aside from the seven names mentioned, recent gossip about Harding headquarters has brought to the fore the names of several possibilities who hitherto had been in the background of cabinet speculation. Among these are Joseph Dixon, of Montana, prominently mentioned for Secretary of the Interior; Charles D. Hiles, of New York, discussed for Secretary of Commerce and the Treasury, and A. T. Hett, of Kentucky, whose name has been associated with the portfolio of war.

CANDIDATE FOR GOV. OF VIRGINIA

Richmond, Dec. 30.—State Senator Lee Trinkle, Wytheville, today announced his candidacy for governor of Virginia. He will oppose Harry St. George Tucker, of Lexington.

OWN COUPLE COMMITS SUICIDE

Monticello, Fla., Dec. 30.—Persons W. F. Meadows and wife, Okla., found shot here today. A woman dying. Revolver in when found between them.

SEC. COLBY ENTER-TAINED BY PRESIDENT

Montevideo, Dec. 30.—President Brum entertained Secretary Colby at a private luncheon at the presidential residence yesterday. Colby will leave today for Buenos Aires.

COTTON ACREAGE MEETING NEXT MONDAY

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce and the Sumter branch of the American Cotton Association held a joint meeting Thursday to formulate plans for the Cotton Acreage Reduction meeting which will be held at 11 o'clock Monday, January 3rd at the court house. The committee begs ministers and church officials to give this meeting publicity at the various churches Sunday in the way that may seem best to them. A crisis confronts the cotton industry and the well-being of the country depends upon its solution.

CONGRESS CUTS APPROPRIATIONS

Sundry Civil Appropriation Measure Suffers Severe Slashing at Hands of Republican Leaders

400 MILLION TO BE CHOPPED OFF

Postoffice Bill Fares Better and Passes Committee Carrying \$69,530,021 Increase

Washington, Dec. 29.—Two of the fifteen bills carrying appropriations to run the government during the year beginning next July 1 reached the house today and were given more than the usual preliminary scrutiny because of the announced intention of Republican leaders to cut government expenditures.

The sundry civil bill, which contains the miscellaneous appropriations, as reported carries a total of \$383,611,292, this total represents a decrease of \$420,914,192 from the estimates submitted by the government departments, and a reduction of \$52,237,514 from the amount appropriated of \$420,914,192 from the estimates through the same bill last year. The cut in estimates for the postoffice bill, the other appropriation measure submitted, however, was not so great and the expenditure recommended represented a considerable increase over this year's appropriation. The measure as reported carried \$573,964,721, a reduction of \$11,442,181 from the amount asked by the postoffice department, but an increase of \$69,530,021 over the appropriation for the current year.

Democratic leaders were prompt to point out that the sum total carried by the appropriations committee would add about \$17,000,000 to the cost of running the government next year. Republican leaders were equally prompt in declaring that there was abundant ground for gratification on their part, inasmuch as they had used the pruning knife on estimates of Democratic department heads without mercy.

Outside of the \$223,000,000 provided for the care of the disabled service men and dependents of those killed the sundry civil measure left only \$160,611,292 for all other purposes, as compared with \$125,000,000 the amount appropriated for 1916. The committee reported that the increase in the postoffice appropriation was due principally to the \$10,000,000 increase in the pay of city letter carriers; the \$36,000,000 increase allowed the railroads for mail transportation and the \$12,500,000 increase in pay of clerks and employees.

Heavy Cut is Made.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The sundry civil bill, carrying a total of \$383,611,292, or \$420,914,192 less than was asked by the government departments, was reported today by the house appropriations committee. It was the first of the big supply measures for the next fiscal year to be completed and its total was \$52,237,514 less than the amount appropriated for similar purposes this year.

The largest single reduction, \$147,000,000 applies to the shipping board. Emergency Fleet corporation, the bill providing that the organization shall be supported entirely out of various sources of income.

SUCCESS FOR EFFORT

Bankers Oversubscribed Stock in International

New Orleans, Dec. 29.—Secretaries of bankers' association of 12 states met here today for the purpose of perfecting plans to increase the capital stock of the Federal International Banking company from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Reports made today indicate that the desired amount will be subscribed before the organization meeting here January 7.

When the organization and campaign committee met here on December 17 only nine states were represented with reports, but these nine oversubscribed the \$5,500,000 mark by \$1,000,000. Since then assurances have been received from North Carolina that the quota assigned to that state will be subscribed. An executive meeting of the Oklahoma Bankers' association will meet Thursday to take action on the matter. Nothing definite has been heard from Virginia but the secretaries here today were confident that Virginia bankers will fall in line.

CHIEF OF MILITIA BUREAU

Washington, Dec. 30.—Colonel Rickards, Oil City, Pa., was appointed today by President Wilson, chief of the militia bureau of the war department. Rickards was a Pennsylvania national guard officer. He will succeed Major General Jesse McI. Carter.

STILL FIGHTING IN CORK

Armed civilians ambushed a British patrol in the city.

POSSE HUNTS NEGRO BANDITS

Armed Band of Negroes Resisted Arrest and Shot Deputy Sheriff in Alabama

Scale, Ala., Dec. 30.—Posses are searching the Pittsview community for an armed band of negroes who today wounded a deputy sheriff and four other white men while attempting to arrest negro alleged to have made an attack upon a farmer's wife. None were seriously hurt. The negro took refuge in a house occupied by other negroes. Posses met with volley when they approached the house, and every member of the posse was wounded. They withdrew for reinforcements.

Scale, Dec. 30.—Three negroes were arrested in Washington when President Wilson today vetoed the resolution to suspend the section of the Clayton act prohibiting common carriers dealing with concerns having interlocking directorates with carriers except to a limited extent, as to contracts. Washington and southern members of the house census committee were aroused today by the charge of Walter White, assistant secretary of national association for the advancement of colored people, that the majority of white people in many southern communities were lawless. Representative Larsen of Georgia declared the charge untrue and demanded witnesses be required to confine themselves to facts of their own personal knowledge and be not permitted to give hearsay evidence. Representative Bee of Texas also took exception to the charge.

ENGLAND WAITS LONG CREDIT

More Than Four Billion Dollars Involved in Transaction Between Nations

Washington, Dec. 29.—Discussions between American and British treasury officials regarding the exchange into long time obligations of the demand notes of the British government held by the United States amounting to \$4,198,000,000 will be renewed upon the arrival in this country soon of a representative of the British treasury, Secretary Houston today announced.

The secretary of the treasury is authorized, under the Liberty bond act, to effect the exchange at a rate of interest not less than that borne by the demand instrument, it was said. Discussions with the British representative, Secretary Houston said, will be confined to the exchange of the obligations of that government as it is the policy of this country to deal separately with each of the allied nations to whom loans have been made.

Discussions carried on in Europe with the other nations indebted to the United States, the secretary said in United States, he secretary said, obtain United States, the secretary said, have not reached a stage so advanced as those with the British government. The British negotiations, he said, had progressed to the point of a general understanding but the details remained to be worked out and will be taken up with the British treasury officials here in Washington. The question of interest rate and of the form as of the various long time bonds which may be adopted are yet to be decided, the secretary intimated.

The obligations should contain suitable provisions for their conversion into bonds of small denominations or for their payment at the option of the obligator, in lieu of such conversion," Secretary Houston said. "To prevent or curtail gold exports from the United States, they should contain an agreement by the debtor government to offer drafts payable in its currency at a figure to be fixed, substantially the gold export point, and to apply the proceeds to deferred interest and then to principal, current interest to be adjusted accordingly. Sinking fund payments should be provided to be made in gold coin of the United States or in the currency of the debtor government at the par of exchange if the holder shall so request."

Actual exchange of the securities will not be made at the coming conference here, the secretary said, adding that the documents of the agreement would probably be drawn up for presentation to each of the contracting governments before the transfer of the securities is made.

Danish Company Wants Damages

Columbia, Dec. 30.—According to advices received here from Washington, Senator Dial has taken the side of the Dampkissekabet Dannebrog. His sympathies for the Dampkissekabet Dannebrog are not enlisted by the horribly unpronounceable name, but because he believes the Dampkissekabet Dannebrog should have the right to sue the United States government. The Dampkissekabet Dannebrog is a Danish ship company. Its boat, the Flynderborg, was rammed in Charleston harbor by the Prometheus, and Senator Dial now favors a bill to allow the Danish company to sue the United States.

MEDDLING WITH OUR BUSINESS

English Undertaking to Dictate to United States as to Naval Policy

London, Dec. 30.—Insistence upon the desirability of restricting naval armaments and holding of a conference on the subject by the United States, Great Britain, and Japan was renewed today by the London newspapers. The Times says that the belief that Great Britain is bound by a treaty to support Japan in case Japan enters into war with America is false.

WHERE IS IRISH PRESIDENT?

New York, Dec. 30.—Mrs. James McGuire today denied the report published yesterday in an Irish newspaper that DeValera, president of Ireland, is a guest at her home at New Rochelle.

TO ABANDON MUSCLE SHOALS

Washington, Dec. 29.—The appropriations committee of the house today sustained its sub-committee in rejecting the recommendation of the board of engineers that \$10,000,000 be appropriated for the completion of the Muscle Shoals nitrate project on which \$90,000,000 has already been expended. There is, however, enough money on hand to continue the work on the gigantic dam until June 1, 1921.

The fight with the farmers of the South and West pressing it, will of course be carried to the floor. The vote in the committee was tied, every Democrat voting in favor of the appropriation, and every Republican to the contrary. Hurried calls brought additional Republican members and they carried the day. In the sub-committee there was a disposition to favor the recommendation, and Representative Byrnes of Tennessee, Democrat, was given to understand that the appropriation would be reported. Representative Mondell, Republican leader, agreed. Mr. Byrnes saw Mr. Mondell and he gloomily shook his head. Politics and factionalism had played their part.

The senate bill, creating a corporation of which the government will have all shares of stock, for the manufacture of fertilizer for the farmers at Muscle Shoals, has the right of way in the upper house and will be pressed for passage by Senator Smith of South Carolina, who is in charge of the measure. Senator Underwood, Democratic leader, although regretting the action of the appropriations committee, indicated a belief that the Muscle Shoals fight, despite the Republicans and the trusts, would eventually be a successful fight.

AMERICANS IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 29.—American students in England are enjoying Christmas season hospitality at the homes of notable English personages, as well as of American residents in England. Scores of Rhode scholars have laid aside their caps and gowns and have departed from their Oxford colleges to be guests at English and American homes in England during the Christmas "vac." as the two-weeks' vacation period is termed in English scholastic slang.

English home life is the chief glory of the land, according to Englishmen and, as a result of the desire of those interested in American students here, opportunity has been given to many young Americans to experience this life at its best, the Christmas season. Many other students are guests at American homes here. Prominent American and British women, members of the women's advisory committee of the American University Union in England, arranged for the entertainment of students during the Christmas season, students having been invited to teas, evenings, week-ends or the entire vacation period.

Among the American, or former American women on the university union's committee are Mrs. John W. Davis, wife of the American ambassador; Viscountess Astor, member of parliament; Mrs. Chester Beatty, wife of Admiral Beatty; Lady Swaythling, Lady Parker, Mrs. J. Butler Wright, wife of the counsellor of the American embassy and Mrs. K. P. Skinner, wife of the American consul-general in England.

FORD PLANT IS CLOSED

Detroit, Dec. 30.—Ford company's Highland Park plant closed December 24th for the customary ten day inventory and probably will not reopen until February 3rd or later, it was learned today. Fifty thousand workmen are employed in the plant.

Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—The police today announced that the second investigation of the death of Lieutenant Pat O'Brien, the war aviator, recently confirmed the findings of the coroner that he committed suicide. Relatives have expressed a belief that he was murdered.

A LIVE DOG OR DEAD LION?

D'Annunzio Decides That It Is Not Worth While to Die For Italy

POET DICTATOR LEAVES FIUME BY AIRPLANE

Negotiations for Surrender Now Proceeding with Municipal Council Which Poet Ceded His Powers—Suspension of Hostilities Has Been Prolonged

Rome, Dec. 29.—D'Annunzio has issued a proclamation declaring that it is not worth while dying for Italy. He said he was leaving Fiume by airplane.

This was semi-officially announced here this afternoon together with the announcement that the Fiume agreement may be regarded as concluded.

Rome, Dec. 29.—Settlement of the Fiume question based on recognition of the treaty of Rapallo, disbandment of D'Annunzio's legionnaires and general amnesty is expected some time today following receipt of late advices from the blockaded area. The suspension of hostilities previously ordered has been prolonged. Negotiations for surrender are proceeding with the municipal council of Fiume, to which D'Annunzio has ceded his powers.

Rome, Dec. 29.—A description of the last phase of the struggle in Fiume, received here today show that the legionnaires reopened fire against the troops who were merely holding the positions they had taken Monday night. The fight assumed the aspect of guerrilla warfare all along the line. The legionnaires took advantage of the natural resources of the terrain for laying ambushes. As the regulars were advanced across orchards they were enveloped by fire from machine guns which had been sunk to the level of the ground and cleverly camouflaged.

The houses seemed to have been abandoned, but when the troops approached, the legionnaires hidden behind windows, behind chimney stacks and on balconies and roofs, suddenly opened fire. Even women were found working machine guns. The gravest losses were inflicted by hand grenades, which were used so freely as to give the impression that they must have been accumulated by scores of thousands. It would have been an easy matter to get the better of the legionnaires by employing artillery, but the military authorities refused such recourse except against military buildings. The legionnaires ultimately tried to force the regulars to retreat in order to relieve pressure on the city but failed owing to the stubborn resistance, especially of the Carbineers and Alpine troops, who fought bravely for more than three hours. The struggle was bitterest near the railway station and inside the Fiume cemetery which was virtually destroyed.

Colonel Maioni, head of the staff of the Forty-fifth division has issued an order saying: "All officers were at the head of their men without exception, even those attached to the staff." Colonel Maioni led all his officers to the attack. What the regulars especially resented were the insults levelled at them by the legionnaires. A Calabrese soldier who had his leg broken said while being carried off on a stretcher: "The insults hurt me more than the wound."

WIDOW RUNS FOR OFFICE

Greenville, Dec. 29.—At the earnest solicitation of literally hundreds of friends throughout the city and county, Mrs. Fannie Davis Scott, widow of Probate Judge Walter M. Scott who was killed in an automobile accident last Sunday, tonight announced that she will accept the office of probate judge to fill the two years of her late husband's unexpired term, if elected by the people at the special election to be called by the governor. Mrs. Scott was assistant to her husband during the six years he served as judge of probate, and her friends contend that she is well qualified for the place. If elected, it is believed that she will be the first woman county official in South Carolina.

Mrs. Scott, who was slightly injured in the accident which cost her husband his life, said tonight that if chosen by the people, she would accept the office chiefly as a token of esteem for her husband. Her declaration came after much pressure had been brought to bear upon her by newspapers and the public.

CAMBRIDGE DEFEATS CORNELL

London, Dec. 30.—Cambridge team won the cross country race today from Cornell University.

LONG TRIP TO BE UNDERTAKEN

San Diego, Dec. 30.—Fourteen naval seaplanes, with seventy officers and men, are lined up here to start the three thousand miles flight today to Panama.

RUSSIAN REDS RECALL AGENT

Martens, Who Has Represented Lenine in America For Two Years, Goes Home

WILL SURRENDER HIMSELF FOR DEPORTATION

Bolshevik Foreign Minister Issues Statement Denouncing the American Government as Enemy of Soviet

New York, Dec. 27.—A message from George Chicherin, Soviet minister for foreign affairs, in which he denounced the present American administration for hostility to the Soviet government, was made public here today by Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, Soviet "ambassador" to the United States. In accordance with orders contained in the message, Martens notified the department of labor that he will surrender himself for deportation to Russia on January 3.

Instructions from his government, Martens said, were to the effect that he must not appeal from the order for deportation recently signed by Secretary Wilson. Cancellation of \$50,000,000 worth of contracts with American firms was also ordered, according to Martens.

The message from Chicherin declared that while most other nations of the world are entering into economic relations with Soviet Russia, America is making such relations impossible.

"The hostility of the present American administration expressed in this act," the message said, "can not reflect the opinion of the American people, especially of the American workers, who have given so many warmly appreciated proofs of sympathy with the workers and peasants of Russia."

"Under the most trying circumstances you have during two years honorably and patiently endeavored to carry out the instructions received by you to establish friendly relations with the United States. You did so notwithstanding malicious insults and petty persecutions on the part of some elements in America convinced that eventually the common interests of the people of America and Russia would eliminate the obstacles to understanding."

"Even now" we are certain the masses of the American people will in due time bring about such an understanding. At the present moment, however, we are confronted with the cold fact that America, who repeatedly avowed her good will toward the people of Russia and with whom Russia for many reasons was eager to develop mutually advantageous cooperation in the economic field makes such cooperation impossible. This is done at a time when most other nations of the world, even such as wasted no time on sentimental assurances of friendship, are entering into economic relations with Russia."

Martens asserted refusal to resume trade relations with Russia will nullify a \$5,000,000,000 order for American goods, alleged to have been brought to this country by Washington B. Vanderlip of Los Angeles, who recently announced that he had procured a 400,000 square mile concession in Siberia for a California state. There are about 15 Russian Martens staff here, and he has applied for permission for them and his family to accompany him home.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Criticism of the deportation order against Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, Russian Soviet agent in the United States, Senator France, Republican, Maryland, in a statement tonight declared that "it is time for our government to forget its prejudices and follow the example of Great Britain by opening up the channels of trade for American citizens in all parts of the world."

HARDING PLANNING FOR INAUGURAL

Marion, Dec. 30.—Plans for the inauguration held the right of way today on Senator Harding's conference schedule. E. B. McClean, the Washington publisher, chairman of the inaugural committee; Senator Knox, chairman of the congressional inauguration committee and Will H. Hays were among those called into consultation.

D'ANNUNZIO WILL EMIGRATE

London, Dec. 30.—A Rome dispatch says that D'Annunzio's legionnaires will be dissolved and granted amnesty. D'Annunzio is expected to go to South America.

MONTANA GOV. CANCELS BALL

Missoula, Mont., Dec. 30.—Governor-elect Dixon today called off the inaugural ball planned for Helena next week, declaring that he did not want to be the honor guest at party costing five dollars a ticket. All of the spirit has gone out of New Year resolutions.—Florida Times-Union.