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CABINET PLACES STILL IN DOUBT

PRESIDENT-ELECT HAS SOME POSTS TO FILL—BELIEVED THAT NEW YORK MAN IS CERTAIN TO HEAD STATE DEPARTMENT.

Marion, Ohio, Jan. 2.—Although President-elect Harding has about made up his mind on several of the most important appointments to his cabinet, it was indicated today that he had not yet committed himself to a definite decision in regard to any of the ten places in his official family. During the past few days he has reviewed the entire field of available in conference with his closest political advisers and although the discussions have led to further shifting about of tentatively arranged cabinet sets, no development of a positive character has been revealed.

In circles close to the president-elect Charles E. Hughes of New York continues the most talked of man for secretary of state, and G. E. Dawes of Illinois still is a favorite for secretary of the treasury, although for the latter post Charles D. Hilles of New York and John W. Weeks of Massachusetts still are mentioned as possibilities. Mr. Weeks, however, is more generally regarded as a likely secretary of the navy.

Others who keep to the front in cabinet speculation are Harry M. Daugherty of Ohio, most frequently mentioned for attorney general; Will H. Hays of Indiana, discussed for postmaster general or secretary of the interior; Henry Wallace of Iowa, put forward for secretary of agriculture and Herbert Hoover of California, whose name frequently has been coupled with the portfolio of labor, but who has been regarded in the light of recent developments as more likely choice for secretary of commerce.

Regarding the secretaryship of war speculation has taken a less definite trend. During the past few days A. T. Hert of Kentucky has been mentioned conspicuously for the place, but everything has indicated that Mr. Harding is far from a decision on the point. Like Mr. Weeks, however, Mr. Hert is considered by many as certain to have some position in the cabinet.

The president-elect is said to be entirely undecided in regard to secretaryship of the interior and commerce, which may be filled at the last moment by men prominently considered for other cabinet posts, but displaced in the final allotment the portfolios of higher rank. There has been some talk of George Sutherland of Utah for secretary of interior, but some of his close friends say he is more likely to receive a place on the supreme bench.

It is understood that no positive action has been taken in regard to the appointment of a secretary to the president, but the general belief is that the position will go to George B. Christian, who has been Mr. Harding's secretary since he entered the senate. Various others have been mentioned, but all the indications here have pointed to Mr. Christian's retention.

The president-elect spent most of New Year's day at his desk, but during the afternoon he took a long walk and called on some intimate friends.

Alex P. Moore of Pittsburg and Mrs. Moore, who formerly was Lillian Russell, were guests at noonday dinner at the Harding home, and in the evening Mr. Harding went to another New Year's feast at the home of George B. Christian.

CALLED TO SEE HER SISTER

Mrs. Fouché left Monday for Concord, N. C., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Walter Graham, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Julius Fisher. Mrs. Graham had the misfortune to fall last week breaking her hip and her sister was called to her bedside.

ABBEVILLE BAPTISTS TO OBSERVE SEMI-CENTENNIAL

Of Its Organization Next Sunday—Three Services During Day—Ten Days' Meetings Begin on Monday.

Abbeville Baptist church will observe the semi-centennial of its organization next Sunday. There will be three services during the day. At eleven o'clock in the morning there will be addresses by three former pastors of the church; at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon there will be greetings from other denominations of the city; and at half-past seven o'clock in the evening there will be an address by Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, president of Furman University, on "Fifty Years of Baptist History." Following these services, beginning the next day, there will be a ten-days' series of evangelistic meetings, at which Dr. B. B. Bailey of Shelbyville, Kentucky, will preach. The music for all the services will be under the direction of Mr. W. P. Martin of Lynchburg, Virginia.

The former pastors who are expected to be present at the services next Sunday are Dr. R. N. Pratt, who was the first pastor of the Baptist church here, and who served the church until September, 1884, the Rev. Myron W. Gordon, who was pastor from March, 1901, until June, 1903; and the Rev. H. C. Bucholtz, who served the remainder of the year 1903. Doctor Pratt is now retired from the active ministry and is residing in Hendersonville, N. C. Mr. Gordon is pastor of the Baptist church at Conway, S. C. and Mr. Bucholtz is an evangelist with the Baptist State Board. It is a matter of regret to the congregation and to many others that the other living former pastors cannot be here. They are the Rev. J. T. B. Anderson, now pastor at Jeffersonville, Ga., the Rev. T. H. Pierson, now pastor at Camden, Ark.; and Dr. Geo. W. Swope, now a pastor in Philadelphia, Pa.

Special Prayermeetings.

Special prayermeetings are to be held in several homes during the present week, preparatory to the services of next week. This afternoon such prayermeetings will be held in the homes of Mrs. S. A. McCuen, on Vienna street; Mrs. J. A. Alewine, on Pinckney street; Mrs. A. B. Galloway, on South Main street; and Mrs. F. M. Welsh, on Greenville street. Tuesday afternoon prayermeetings will be held at the homes of Mrs. E. C. Horton, on Wardlaw street; Mrs. J. F. Edmonds, on Parker street; Mrs. B. D. Carter, on North Main street; and Mrs. Paul Link, on Chestnut street.

Wednesday evening at half-past seven o'clock the regular mid-week prayermeeting will be held at the church. On Thursday afternoon prayermeetings will be held in the homes of Mrs. W. J. Duncan, on Ferry street; Mrs. T. V. Howie, on Pinckney street; Mrs. W. E. Johnson, on North Main street; and Mrs. Louis J. Bristow, on Ellis street. Friday afternoon the missionary society will meet at the church, and hold a special prayermeeting. All the afternoon meetings of the week will begin at half-past three o'clock.

MRS. SEAL SUFFERS FROM A BROKEN HIP

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Seal will regret to know that Mrs. Seal is suffering from a broken hip bone, resulting from a fall late Friday afternoon. Mrs. Seal was walking across the room and either from an attack of something like vertigo or from weakness she stumbled and fell, with the result stated.

Since the injury Mrs. Seal has been confined to her room, and the injury is causing her a great deal of suffering. She is nearly eighty years of age and lately has not been in good health, with the result that the injury goes hard with her.

DEPRESSION BRINGS UNEMPLOYMENT

PRICE RECESSION ENLARGES ARMY OF WORKMEN WITHOUT JOBS—BOARD GIVES REVIEW OF BUSINESS—COMMODITY PRICES DECLINED EIGHT AND ONE-HALF PER CENT LAST MONTH.—FEDERAL RESERVE ISSUE STATEMENT.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Further decline in price coupled with increased unemployment accompanied the country's continued progress in readjustment during December, according to the monthly review of general business and financial conditions issued tonight by the federal reserve board.

The price decline during the month was placed at 8 1-2 per cent. by the board which added the observation that the decrease in prices was mainly confined to commodities which had shown a decline previously rather than an extension of price cutting to other industries.

The decline was reported as most marked in agricultural products, textiles, hides, leather and iron and steel products, while coal petroleum gasoline, paper, brick and cement remained largely unaffected. Some reductions were reported in the open market in the latter group of commodities, the board said, but contract prices appeared to be at the same level as in earlier months.

Business Slackens.

Reduced business activity, the board stated, cut operations in many lines from 40 per cent. to 75 per cent. of normal and brought accompanying unemployment. The shrinkage of demand, the board reported, also was responsible for wage cuts running as high as 25 per cent. in some lines.

Banking power, on the other hand, was well maintained, the board asserted, normal credit accommodation extended to legitimate business, the reserve ration growing stronger and inter-reserve borrowing in part liquidated. With liquidation of loans at the member banks beginning, the board forecast better conditions.

Business in wholesale and manufacturing lines was reported inactive in the Richmond district building operations at a minimum and unemployment prevalent, but signs of improvement are noted.

Most of the cotton crop has been harvested in the Atlantic district, but is being largely held, while farmers generally feel the effect of low prices. Other markets in the districts are quiet, coal production has increased and lower prices of pig iron have not produced any great amount.

Rains Hurt Staple.

Throughout the cotton belt rains have delayed picking to some extent, while in some sections farmers are reported to be abandoning because of the decline in price and the relative scarcity of pickers, together with the high wages demanded. There has been considerable deterioration in the quality of the lint due to the wet weather, and the bulk of the ginning is reported to be grading below-middling.

Movement of cotton has been relatively slow, receipts showing a sharp and unseasonable falling off. In some sections it is reported that sellers have complained that they were unable to sell their cotton at any price unless it was of superior grade. However, cotton farmers in many sections show a tendency to hold as much as possible of their crop off the market in the hope of an advance. Considerable thought has been given to the reduction of next year's acreage.

Purchases Below Normal

Although a slight increase in the buying of cotton by New England mills has occurred during the last month, purchases have been below normal, while mills in the Carolinas are said "to have been out of the market for some time."

EX-CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY IS DEAD

VON BETHMANN HOLLWEG PASSES AWAY AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS—FORCED OUT OF OFFICE BY ADMISSION THAT INVASION OF BELGIUM WAS UNJUST. WANTED TO BE TRIED BY ALLIES IN PLACE OF FORMER KAISER

Berlin, Jan. 2.—Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, former German imperial chancellor, died last night after a brief illness on his estate at Hohenfinow, near Berlin.

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg was apparently in good health until Wednesday. He spent Christmas as usual with his family, but contracted a cold which developed into acute pneumonia. His condition became steadily worse and his private physician was summoned from Berlin, but the former chancellor had already become unconscious and never regained consciousness, dying late Saturday night.

His wife died in 1914 and he lost his eldest son in the war. He is survived by a daughter, Countess Zech, wife of the secretary of the Prussian legation at Munich, and a son, Felix, a student at Berlin.

On the last of his frequent visits to Berlin, in mid-November, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg was seen walking in Unter den Linden, but the once stalwart figure was no longer upright; few pedestrians recognized in the stooped figure and careworn face the former imperial chancellor.

Von Bethmann-Hollweg recently concluded the revision of the final proofs of the second volume of his war diary, which is announced for early publication.

Among the latest prominent activities of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, in international affairs and German national life, was his testimony last year as a witness before the national assembly committee, which investigated responsibility for the war. His testimony brought out that he had originally opposed the submarine warfare and had issued warnings not to underestimate America's strength in the conflict.

One of the most famous utterances during the war was that concerning a "scrap of paper" as regarded the treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium.

This treaty was so characterized by Von Bethmann-Hollweg during an interview which the then chancellor had with Sir Edward Goschen the British ambassador to Germany. Speaking with great irritation the chancellor expressed his inability to understand Great Britain's attitude with regard to Germany's attack on Belgium.

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg was chancellor of Germany from July 14, 1909, to July 14, 1917. He was succeeded in the office by Dr. George Michaelis, an appointee of the former kaiser. It was said that Von Bethmann-Hollweg was forced out of office through the efforts of the militarists, headed by Hindenburg and Ludendorff largely because of his "scrap of paper" statement and his admission that the German invasion of Belgium was unjust. The former chancellor had on several occasions issued statements blaming the militarists for the war, these appearing in 1916 and 1917 while in the two years previous he had frequently declared that England alone was responsible.

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg received prominent attention throughout the world in June, 1919, when he formally asked the allies and associated powers to place him on trial instead of the former kaiser.

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg was born in 1856, the son of Matthias A. von Bethmann-Hollweg, professor of civil law at Bonn, a grandson of a member of the Jewish banking family of Von Bethmann of Frankfurt.

COLBY VOICES A FRIENDLY WORD

FARMERS MET TODAY IN COURT HOUSE

Pass Resolution to Reduce Acreage One-half—Not Over Ten Acres To Be Planted in Cotton—Pledges Requested.

The Abbeville County branch of the American Cotton Association met in the Court House today at 12 o'clock with President G. N. Nickles in the chair. After the preliminaries had been gone through with, the meeting took up the matter in hand—the reduction of the acreage to be planted in cotton.

Several persons present advanced their views on the situation, all agreeing in the main that it was necessary to reduce the acreage. Finally a resolution was passed by the meeting asking all farmers to reduce the acreage planted in cotton to one-half of last year's crop, and in no event was the amount of cotton to each horse to exceed ten acres. Pledges are to be asked of all farmers. Another resolution was passed requesting the banks and merchants to refuse to advance to any farmer who was unwilling to sign the pledge.

The general view was expressed that a considerable surplus would be carried over from this year's crop and that there was no way by which low prices for next year's crop may be avoided except by making a crop of considerably less than ten millions of bales.

THE COTTON MARKET

President Reported to Have Approved War Finance Measure Recently Passed By Congress

The cotton market was better today. It helped somewhat to dispel the case of blues now rampant in the country, as well as enabling a few people to smile notwithstanding they are still holding cotton.

January futures in New York closed today at 15.48, which was 114 points above Friday's close. Spots in New Orleans advanced 50 points.

The rise in the market was attributed to the fact that the President is stated to have approved the War Finance resolution recently passed by Congress in which the Secretary of the Treasury is instructed to put this measure into operation. Secretary Houston, although the measure was already law and should have been in operation, suspended it sometime ago, and financiers in many parts of the country have attributed falling prices in all kinds of commodities to his acts along with the measures taken by the Federal Reserve Board looking to a curtailment of credits.

ROSENBERG CHILDREN SICK

Mr. and Mrs. Sol H. Rosenberg have the sympathy of their many friends in Abbeville on account of the sickness of their two children. Both have been sick with colds for several days, and these colds have now developed into pneumonia.

George, the young son, was taken sick first and it is thought that he is somewhat better, his lungs having cleared during the day. Both children rested well last night, and their condition, while serious as the condition of every person with pneumonia always is, is not alarming. The children are in charge of trained nurses and with the good attention they are receiving, everybody hopes for them a speedy recovery.

BREAKS ARM.

Miss Sydelle Graves, the pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Graves, who has been assisting Frank E. Harrison, Jr. in his jewelry store is at home suffering with a broken arm. The arm was broken Sunday afternoon while Miss Graves was attempting to crank her car. Her friends hope that she will soon be out again.

THIS COUNTRY PROPOSES TO ALLAY FEELING OF DISTRICT FOUND IN SOUTH AMERICA—SPEAKS AT LUNCHEON

Montevideo, Uruguay, Jan. 1.—Bainbridge Colby, United States secretary of state, told the people of Uruguay yesterday that the United States proposed to find a way to allay the feelings of distrust of North America which, he said, he had been told frankly by leading men existed on the part of many South Americans who did not comprehend the true motives and purposes of his country in its dealings with the South American nations. Mr. Colby spoke at farewell luncheon that he gave to some of Uruguay's most prominent citizens.

"I have been told propaganda is at work in South America against the cordial relations and understanding between North and South America," the secretary said. "It is our duty to find a way to allay this distrustful feeling and to exert every effort to wipe away any misunderstandings and merit your confidence. We ask to be judged by our merits, and not by our defects."

Mr. Colby spoke of the activities and competition of the English, French and Italians in South America and said he would be the last to begrudge them success. He declared the American policy was filled with the greatest friendship and that it was the duty of public men of all countries to allay all feelings of distrust that might be engendered "and lead the way into broader and cleaner fields of generous rivalry."

Buenos Aires, Jan. 1.—Bainbridge Colby, the American secretary of state, arrived in Buenos Aires today.

The Argentina coast guard cruiser K. Libertad bearing Secretary Colby and his party entered port this morning accompanied by a chartered steamer carrying a committee of welcome sent out by the American Society of the River-Platte and another steamer with representatives of the Argentina commission Nacional de la Juventud and other official parties.

Arriving at the wharf Mr. Colby was officially welcomed by the representatives of the president, the ministry of foreign affairs, United States Ambassador Stimson, and a crowd of Americans and Argentinians. He was escorted to his quarters in the Plaza hotel by a naval guard.

DEATHS IN ACCIDENT

Charlotte, N. C.,—Jan. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Deal, E. M. Deal, 36, and Miss Lena Belle Deal, 13, son and daughter of E. M. Deal, of Newton were killed outright and Beona Deal 11 year old sister of the two latter, was critically injured when the car in which they were riding was struck by an incoming freight at 6.45 o'clock this morning at a grade crossing near the city limits.

The party was en route to their home in Newton after having attended here Friday the funeral of Mrs. J. H. Deal, wife of a local contractor and builder and son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Deal, who were killed in the accident.

There were no eyewitnesses. The watchman, who is kept on duty at the crossing, reports that he was not on duty at the time.

TEACHING IN CLINTON

Miss Margaret Bradley left Monday for Clinton where she has a position as teacher of the first grade in the Graded Schools.

OUT AGAIN

Col. Bob Mabry is out again after several days sickness which kept him off the Christmas "goodies" at home and the set-back games down town.