

DEWEY IS PRESIDENT

General Policy Board Meets and Organizes.

YOUNG ONLY MEMBER ABSENT

Question of Whether Army or Marines Should Garrison the Naval Stations in Cuba is Discussed, but No Decision Reached.

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Admiral Dewey was elected president, and Commander Barnett secretary. There was a general discussion of the subject of coaling and naval stations in Cuba, with a view to determining whether they should be garrisoned by the Army or by the Marines. Secretaries of the board have taken steps to place troops at Guantanamo and Bahia Honda, and some of the naval officers are not well pleased at this action.

Secretary Root, by invitation, briefly addressed the board, saying he believed good results would come from its deliberations on questions affecting both branches of the war fleet of the nation, and a joint board was better than routine official communications. He believed the questions to be brought before the board had considered in times of peace, and that the board would have a better understanding and more co-operation in the defense of the country in time of war.

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Several Other Prominent Men Are Also Guests at Sagamore Hill.

OYSTER BAY, July 30.—Professor Jerome Baker Landfield, an instructor in the University of California, was the first caller on President Roosevelt today. He has just returned from Europe, and desires to pay his respects to the President and talk with him concerning his observations during his travels before proceeding to California.

President Roosevelt's guests at luncheon today were the Postmaster-General and Mrs. Payne and Immigration Commissioner Williams and Mr. Van Engling, of New York. The Postmaster-General and Mrs. Payne remained at Sagamore Hill until nearly 4 o'clock, then they left for the Commodore and sailed for New York.

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