



EIGHT ARE CHOSEN FOR TAFT CABINET

Secretary of War Yet to Be Selected.

TWO MEMBERS HOLD OVER

Wilson Keeps Agriculture; Meyer Takes Navy.

OHIO IS NOT REPRESENTED

President-elect Acts Wholly Upon His Own Initiative in Making Selections and Has Publicly Announced but Two.

TAFT'S CABINET SELECTIONS. Secretary of State—Philander C. Knox, Pennsylvania. Secretary of the Treasury—George M. Reynolds, Illinois, or some other Illinois man. Secretary of War—No selection. Attorney-General—George W. Wickersham, New York. Postmaster-General, Frank H. Hitchcock, Massachusetts. Secretary of the Navy—George von L. Meyer, Massachusetts. Secretary of the Interior—Richard A. Ballinger, Washington. Secretary of Agriculture—James Wilson, Iowa. Secretary of Commerce and Labor—Charles Nagel, Missouri.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 14.—As soon as President-elect Taft finds a suitable man for Secretary of War, his Cabinet will be complete; that is, tentatively complete. It will be subject to change any time before the 4th of March, if conditions arise which, in the opinion of Mr. Taft, justify modification.

It should also be said that, aside from the State and Postoffice portfolios, none of the Cabinet offices have as yet been finally and formally disposed of, and the incoming President can, without the slightest breach of good faith, make any changes in his present programme which to him seem proper.

It is expected that Mr. Taft soon will decide upon the Secretary of War. The man selected will probably be a Southern Republican, preferably from one of the border states—Kentucky, Tennessee, or perhaps Virginia.

Mr. Taft, it will be observed, will retain in his Cabinet two members of the present Roosevelt Cabinet. Various reasons operated to bring about the retention of George von L. Meyer and James Wilson, and this in face of the fact that Meyer's retention will give Massachusetts two Cabinet places. This is the more remarkable in view of the fact that Ohio, Taft's own state, will probably not be represented.

In making up his Cabinet, Mr. Taft has acted entirely on his own responsibility, and without the advice of the present Administration. He has consulted freely with Senator Knox and Chairman Hitchcock. It is true, but the selections are his own. Yet in making selections he has exercised the utmost care to get the right kind of men. This is illustrated in the selection of Judge R. A. Ballinger, of Seattle, for Secretary of the Interior.

Row Ballinger Was Chosen. As a result of his long identification with the Roosevelt Administration, Mr. Taft was aware that the most important work of the Interior Department has to do with the public lands of the West. He knew from experience that much of the trouble in this department in late years has been due to the fact that the wrong kind of men have been in charge. He was satisfied, first of all, that the Secretary of the Interior ought to be a broad-gauged lawyer, one especially versed in public land law. Because of the notorious tangle in the affairs of the department, he knew its new head should be a man of exceptional administrative ability. But, furthermore, he felt that in view of the immense interests of the West which go before that department, a Western man, familiar with Western people, Western conditions and Western customs, ought to be placed in charge. And, knowing these things, he chose Judge Ballinger.

But the Interior portfolio was not tendered to Ballinger as soon as Mr. Taft had made up his mind. Instead, he went to considerable pains to get in touch with representative Western Senators, to see how they regarded Ballinger, and to find out if any of them could suggest a better man. After much inquiry, he learned that his judgment was affirmed by the representative men of the West, for it is a notable fact that every Western Senator of whom inquiry was made most heartily approved the selection of Ballinger, and none had a better man to propose.

Having thus satisfied himself, Mr. Taft sent word to Judge Ballinger that he would like to have him in his Cabinet.

YOUTH FALLS 2000 FEET TO HIS DEATH

FAILS IN ATTEMPT TO SCALE MOUNT WILSON'S SIDE.

John Freitas Killed in Foolhardy Dare—Companion Falls 300 Feet, but Escapes.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—In a foolhardy endeavor to descend the "rim" trail on the north side of Mount Wilson this afternoon, John Freitas, aged 17, rolled 2000 feet down the icy declivity to death, while his chum, Joseph Schultz, fell 300 feet and escaped.



Mrs. William F. Tucker, Who Will Testify Before Army Retiring Board Against Colonel Tucker, Her Husband.

with a few bruises. The "rim" trail is dangerous in Summer and was made impassable by the recent storms, but the young men determined to endeavor to make it. While Schultz was fixing his camera to take a photograph, Freitas started, slipped and fell down the ice-covered slope into the west fork of the San Gabriel River. His body was recovered, six men hauling it on ropes up the mountain in order to bring the remains down the south side so they could be sent here. When Schultz missed his friend he went to the edge of the trail to look for him and also slipped over, falling down 300 feet. He brought up against a tree and climbed back to safety.

QUAKES TWO YEARS MORE SEVERE SHOCKS STILL EXPERIENCED IN ITALY, BUT TO BE EXPECTED.

REGGIO, Feb. 14.—Earthquake shocks, more or less strong, were experienced here throughout the day. Last night Professor Alfani, director of the Florence Observatory, while about to step into a train for Naples, was thrown violently to the ground by what seemed to be an unusually severe shock. Peasants rushed to assist him to his feet and anxiously inquired concerning the dangers of further earthquakes. He replied: "Be calm, my children; that was a quake of the fifth degree. You must not be frightened by these shocks, for we will have them for two more years."

STATE IN MIDDLE BY PRIMARY LAW

Illinois Awaits Decision of Court.

POLITICIANS ON ANXIOUS SEAT

Chicago Fears Primaries Will Come to Naught.

EARLY ANSWER IS NEEDED

Great Confusion Will Result if Work Has to Be Done All Over Again in City and State Primaries.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Politicians are in a state of acute anxiety regarding the outcome of the election fraud cases, set for hearing before the Supreme Court of Illinois at Springfield tomorrow. The court will pass upon the constitutionality of the primary law. If the ruling is adverse and the measure is thrown into the waste-basket with its predecessor, there will be a confusion which bids fair to drive the politicians to distraction.

The alarm felt in Chicago is warranted by the fact that the Aldermanic primary comes a week from Tuesday. If the primary law is knocked out between now and that time all the preparations of the last few weeks will go for naught and there will have to be an exceedingly rapid readjustment of conditions to suit the provisions of the law under which elections were formerly held.

Emergency Prepared For. An element which adds to the uncertainty is the fact that next Thursday is the last day under the old law for the filing of Aldermanic petitions. For that reason, if the new law must be wiped off the statute books, the politicians hope a decision will be given before Thursday. As a safeguard, the Republican and Democratic County Committees have made tentative preparations so that they may proceed under the old law if necessary. However, the sudden change could not be made without a vast amount of confusion.

If an adverse ruling should be made later than Thursday and before the primary next week, it would mean that no party nominations for Aldermanic positions would be made this year, but the names of all candidates would be put on the ballot for the April election by petition.

Narrow to Argue for Plaintiff. The arguments concern two cases growing out of the investigation of election frauds at the August primaries. One is a suit brought by Russell Peacock to restrain County Treasurer Thompson from paying judges and clerks who served at the primaries half pay, while the other is the case of Joseph Phillips, who was indicted by the special grand jury for

BALLOONS FLY TO TEST AIR CURRENTS

TWO BAGS CARRY UP SEVEN FROM LOS ANGELES.

One Lands Near Santa Ana After Flight of 40 Miles and Other Lands at Whittier.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14.—Interesting experiments with air currents of Southern California were conducted here today with the two big Ferris racing balloons, the United States and the America, which ascended at Chutes Park at 2 o'clock, one of them carrying a party of four people, including United States Assistant Weather Forecaster W. B. Fuller and Captain Mueller, and the other three people, including Paul Cowley, of San Francisco, and Roy Knabenshue, the well-known aeronaut.

Both of the big bags ascending at almost the same time struck a strong current of air which carried them rapidly to the southeast, where they disappeared from view about 5 o'clock. The last word received from them was as they were passing over the vicinity of Santa Ana. Here they appeared to strike a land breeze which was carrying them eastward. It was not the intention to make a lengthy flight, but merely to experiment with the air currents and observe atmospheric conditions. The day was ideal for the trials.

The balloon United States, carrying three passengers, landed three miles north of Santa Ana, about 40 miles from Los Angeles, at 5:30 this evening. The American landed safely at Whittier at about 9 o'clock tonight.

DOWN WITH ALL TRUSTS

Iowa Starts War on All Combines, Even Doctors.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 14.—The most sweeping anti-trust law ever drafted in Iowa will be introduced in the House Tuesday. Its purpose is to stamp out the grocers' trust, the coal dealers' and the ice trusts, and even the doctors' trust. The latter are charged with fixing excessive prices. The bill has the support of Attorney-General Byers.

COLLIER MEETS ACCIDENT

Brutus Delayed in Arrival at Willemstad.

WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacao, Feb. 14.—The United States collier Brutus, which was due here this morning from Colon with coal for the war vessels, had not arrived at a late hour this afternoon.

FATHER CARROLL IS BISHOP

Consecrated to See of Vigan at Manila Cathedral.

MANILA, Feb. 14.—Father James Carroll, formerly of Philadelphia, was today consecrated Bishop of Vigan, with impressive ceremonies at the Manila Cathedral, in the presence of scores of clergy and an immense congregation. Papal delegate Agius officiated and was assisted by Archbishop Harty and Bishops Hendrick and Dougherty.

YOUNG TURKEY IS ALL-TRIUMPHANT

Succeeds in Dictating New Cabinet.

ASSURES SULTAN OF SAFETY

Outcome of Move Awaited With Much Interest.

PEOPLE ARE INDIFFERENT

Cause of Grand Vizier's Downfall Is Said to Be Slowness and Intriguing—He Is Glad Responsibility Is Removed From Him.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 14.—The new constitutional regime has passed through a severe crisis, which has resulted in the downfall of the aged Grand Vizier, Kiamil Pasha, and the complete triumph of the Young Turk party, or "Committee of Union and Progress," which has virtually imposed upon the Sultan a ministry of its own nomination, headed by Hilmi Pasha.

The committee has publicly repudiated any intention to overthrow the Sultan or to install a military dictatorship, but the crisis and its outcome are regarded as not boding well for the stability of the throne or the success of the parliamentary government.

Result Is in Doubt. It remains to be seen how the moderate elements of the empire will regard this assumption of absolute power by an irresponsible committee, especially in the face of delicate problems still to be solved in the Balkans.

The Committee of Union and Progress has constantly opposed Kiamil Pasha. It suspected him of being too considerate of palace influences and complained of his slowness in conducting negotiations with Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria.

Defense of Grand Vizier. Kiamil Pasha asserts that if he acted unconstitutionally in dismissing the Ministers of War and Marine, the Chambers also acted unconstitutionally by ignoring article 93 of the constitution, which grants a Minister the right to adjourn his reply to an interpellation.

The ex-Grand Vizier intends to publish a manifesto to the nation on Wednesday explaining his course. The imperial "haat" appointing Hilmi Pasha Grand Vizier and Zia Eddin Efdendi, a learned theologian, as Shaik-ul-Islam, was read tonight at the Porte.

Perfect tranquility prevails, the public appearing to be rather indifferent to the changes.

Late tonight the new Grand Vizier completed his Cabinet. Ali Riza Pasha, whose dismissal led to Kiamil Pasha's downfall, being reappointed Minister of War. He also holds the Marine portfolio and is Grand Master of Ar-

NIAGARA FALLS DRY; ICE BLOCKS RIVER

TWO MEN CROSS ON ROCKS FROM SHORE TO SHORE.

Phenomenon Has Been Observed but Twice Since White Man Settled America.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Only a tiny rivulet, not deep or swift enough to carry a pulp log over the brink, is flowing over the American side of Niagara Falls. A strong northeast wind which has blown since Friday, has held back the water and allowed the ice to gain a foothold. Two employees of the



Mrs. John A. Logan, Who Exposes Her Daughter's Cause in Matrimonial Trouble with Colonel Tucker.

American reservation walked from Prospect Point nearly to Bath Island this morning. A great wall of ice runs from the head of Goat Island to the American main land, through which only tiny streams are able to trickle. This wall has even encroached on the Canadian channel, extending out some 200 feet beyond the Third Sister Island and greatly diminishing the flow over the Horseshoe. Only the very apex of the Canadian falls is left, and that is robbed of half of its flow. The gorge below is choked and the rapids have lost their fury, while the whirlpool is barely in motion.

This is only the third time that this combination of wind and ice has thus affected the falls since the white man came here. The other occasions were on March 29, 1848, and March 22, 1903.

TOO ILL TO READ PAPERS

Harriman Is Going to Texas to Regain Lost Health.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 14.—E. H. Harriman and party left Birmingham today, shortly after noon, on a special train, for San Antonio, Tex., where it is understood Mr. Harriman will remain until April, in an effort to regain his health.

Mr. Harriman received about 50 prominent men of Birmingham, who called to say their respects. Men who had known him before remarked upon his pale and weakened appearance. One man, thinking the railroad magnate would like to see some of the late New York newspapers, took a bunch of them to the car, but Mr. Harriman thanked him and waved them aside with the remark: "I don't want to hear of Wall street. I am resting."

TALES TOLD MAY STARTLE SOCIETY

Mrs. Tucker to Testify Before Army Board.

ASSERTS HUSBAND DISSIPATED

Says This Is Real Cause of His Disabilities.

PLATT WOMAN IS VILIFIED

Colonel Tucker's Relations With Her Commented On by Family, Who Say She Broke Up Home. Comes From Hot Springs.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. William F. Tucker will tomorrow attempt to convince the Retiring Board of the United States Army that her husband, Colonel William F. Tucker, slated for retirement, brought on his disabilities through dissipation.

The Board meets in the Federal building to take up several retirement cases. Mrs. Tucker is ready to testify if called and her mother, Mrs. John A. Logan, and her son, Captain Logan Tucker, arrived here today.

Each is anxious to tell of the alleged relations between Colonel Tucker and Mrs. Myrtle Platt, which they assert disrupted the Tucker home, and which they say is the real cause of Colonel Tucker's disability.

They also threaten to tell tales that will jar Army society.

Colonel Tucker Silent. Colonel Tucker arrived in the city today from Hot Springs, where he has been in the Army and Navy Hospital for some months. He went directly to the Union League Club, where he refused to see any one or to discuss his case. Mrs. Tucker is at the Auditorium Annex, where she has been in seclusion for several days.

While in the city last Fall both Mrs. Tucker and her mother talked freely of the trouble which had separated Colonel Tucker and his wife. They placed all the blame upon Mrs. Platt, whom Colonel Tucker met while in the Philippines, and who has been his constant companion since his return. At that time they tried to have Colonel Tucker arrested, as he was on a train passing through Illinois from Mount Clemens to Hot Springs, accompanied by Mrs. Platt. His serious illness only prevented his being brought to Chicago as a prisoner.

General Grant Presides. General Fred Grant, commander of the Department of the Lakes, will act as the head of the Board. Besides Colonel Tucker, other officers who will appear before the Board are: Colonel Owen J. Sweet, Twenty-eighth Infantry; Colonel George W. Adair, Medical Corps; Lieutenant Colonel Silas A. Wolf, Twenty-eighth Infantry, and Major Walter H. Chatfield, of the same regiment. These officers are formally charged with being unable to

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EIGHT MEN SELECTED FOR PORTFOLIOS IN TAFT'S CABINET. TWO ONLY HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY.



P. C. Knox, Secretary of State; James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture; R. A. Ballinger, Secretary of Interior; Frank H. Hitchcock, Postmaster-General; George von L. Meyer, Secretary of Navy; George W. Wickersham, Attorney-General; George M. Reynolds, Secretary of Treasury; Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

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