

CABINET TIMBER IS SIFTED BY HARDING

Commerce, Labor and Navy Posts Still Open.

7 APPOINTEES ON LIST

Southern Republican Is Likely to Be Picked for One of Three Remaining Positions.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 16.—Having tentatively decided seven of the cabinet appointments, President-elect Harding and his chief political advisers are finally sifting over the available material for the portfolios of navy, commerce and labor.

For the navy post, P. O. Lowden of Illinois still is considered a possibility, with several others holding an even chance. Half a dozen names are in the hat for the secretaryship of commerce, with the odds seeming to favor a southern republican. The available for the labor department are understood to have narrowed to J. J. Davis of Pennsylvania, James Duncanson of Massachusetts, T. V. O'Connor of New York and Representative Nolan of California.

Of the three vacant places the navy secretaryship is proving the most troublesome. In his original cabinet list Mr. Harding had intended to have allotted this post to John W. Weeks of Massachusetts, but various considerations have since caused him to change his mind. It now is regarded as certain that Mr. Lowden can have the navy appointment if he wants it, and that he is under the influence of strong pressure to induce him to accept. In the event he declines, the whole field of candidates for the position will have to be reopened.

Southern Man Possible.

The growing agitation for southern representation in the cabinet may land a secretary of the navy from the south, but the general impression here is that it will be more likely to be felt in the choice for the secretary of commerce. The movement has taken the form of a bid for sectional representation rather than for the allotment of any particular place.

Representative Sloop of Virginia and T. H. Huston and Newell Smith of Tennessee are two of the most prominently mentioned in the petitions coming to the president-elect. From outside the south have come many petitions for the appointment of John Hays Hammond of New York, or Herbert Hoover of California, to the commerce post. There also have been talk of Charles D. Miller of New York, and others. All four of those in the front of consideration for the labor secretaryship are union.

Labor Post Remains Interest.

Mr. Davis is an ex-steel worker. Mr. Duncanson has been an official of the granite-cutters' union and of the American Federation of Labor. Mr. O'Connor is a leader of the longshoremen's union and Mr. Nolan is an iron molder by trade.

Interest in the labor appointment outside the cabinet are being considered, and it developed today that one selection seriously thought of is that of Major General Leonard Wood for governor-general of the Philippines. This position is vacant, and a selection is expected soon after inauguration. The standard oil company, W. C. Teague of the Standard Oil company, and a delegation of southern white men and negroes who came to ask co-operation in the movement for inter-racial co-operation.

Tonight the president-elect and Mrs. Harding held a reception in the rotunda of their hotel.

A committee of the German-American Citizens' league, headed by George Sylvester Viereck, who during the war served as editor of the "Fatherland," presented to Mr. Harding today a memorandum setting forth certain views on issues confronting the next administration. Mr. Viereck, in a statement, said that the committee had been received in the most cordial manner, and had gone away satisfied that there would be a just and equitable peace in Germany. The statement also predicted Mr. Harding would do everything in his power to ally racial hatreds and prejudices created by the war.

WILSON WRITES TO HARDING

President is Anxious That Every Precedent Be Followed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President Wilson was represented today as being strongly desirous of following every precedent established by outgoing president in the inauguration of his successor.

It was made known today at the White House that he had written President-elect Harding inquiring whether the incoming president desired to have a luncheon for his guests immediately after he enters the White House. President Wilson also was said to have before him the inaugural plans drawn by the congressional inaugural committee.

PORTLAND FLIER SAFE

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whose station was at Camp Harry J. Jones at Douglas, Ariz., where Pearson's quarters were.

According to Lieutenant Jones, Pearson landed about 40 miles above Reagan canyon, but he does not know whether the plane is in Mexico or on the American side of the Rio Grande. Motor trouble is said to have preceded Pearson's landing and to have forced his descent into the desert. Pearson also was said to have before him the inaugural plans drawn by the congressional inaugural committee.

PEARSON AFTER RECORD.

Pearson left Douglas in a rebuilt De Havilland four-B airplane on Monday morning of last week, starting a leisurely flight to Pablo Beach, Fla., where he was to hop off February 23 on a scheduled two-stop transcontinental flight to San Diego, Cal. The flight was to be the first attempt at a transcontinental speed record.

Forced by an accident to his motor to land on the desert 13 miles east of Columbus, N. M., Monday afternoon, Pearson was delayed there until late Wednesday. A new motor was rushed

to him by truck from Douglas, his machine was repaired and he proceeded Wednesday afternoon to El Paso. He left El Paso at 10:45 o'clock the following morning for San Antonio and when he failed to reach that city after a reasonable time an alarm was sent out and search for the missing man was started.

Pearson has been stationed at the field here for a number of months. He is 25 years old.

GIRL RECEIVES MESSAGE

"Arrived at Sanderson, See You Soon," Flier Telegraphs.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Feb. 16.—"Arrived at Sanderson O. K. See you soon," the message sent by Lieutenant Alexander Pearson Jr. from Sanderson, Tex., was received here tonight by Miss Margaret Shannon, a friend of the missing aviator.

Brigadier-General Malin Craig, commander of Camp Harry J. Jones here, tonight received a telegram from Pearson, E. D. Jones of the local flying field, one of the searchers for Lieutenant Alexander Pearson Jr., saying that Pearson made a forced landing in the Big Bend country of Texas and rode into Sanderson tonight. The message, sent from Sanderson, says the flier will return to Douglas tomorrow.

Lieutenant Alexander Pearson Jr. is a Portland boy, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Pearson, 224 East Main street. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon in the class of 1917, after he had received his early education in the schools of Hutchinson, Kan. He was an instructor in the air service during the war after he had won a commission for the second time, first having been in the infantry service at the Presidio training camp. When he failed to get a transfer to the air service he resigned and enlisted at Rockwell field, where he again won the gold bar.

After the armistice he remained in the army, being stationed at Douglas, Ariz., in the 12th army observation squadron. In October, 1919, he won the cross-country flight from Minneapolis to San Francisco and return.

Lieutenant Pearson has been missing since last Thursday, when he took the air from Douglas, Ariz., for a flight to Florida. No word was received from him and he was practically given up for lost. Sixty-five planes, including a great Caproni, were sent out into the deserts of west Texas in an effort to find the missing Portland aviator.

PEARSON ARRIVES ON HORSE

Army Headquarters Confirms Report of Safety of Flier.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 16.—Lieutenant Alexander Pearson Jr., transcontinental flier, who has been lost since Thursday when he was attempting a flight from El Paso to San Antonio, 650 miles, rode into Sanderson, Tex., on a horse tonight at 9:15 o'clock, according to a long distance telephone message from there tonight.

Lieutenant Pearson was accompanied by a ranchman who lives 30 miles southeast of Sanderson, according to the report. Immediately after his arrival in the town 300 miles west of San Antonio, Lieutenant Pearson reported to the aviation field where he was taken into conference with Major H. C. Pratt, air service officer of the eighth corps area. Major Pratt left here today in an airplane for Sanderson to confer with Major L. F. Heffernan of Fort Bliss, in regard to the search.

The information received here came in a telephone conversation with E. W. Boney, a resident of San Antonio, who was visiting in Sanderson. It was confirmed by eight corps headquarters at Fort Sam Houston.

The ranchman who accompanied Lieutenant Pearson left presumably for his ranch immediately after he escorted the flier into town, Mr. Boney said.

EL PASO GETS REPORT

Details of Message Withheld; Unhurt, Says Report.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 16.—Lieutenant Alexander Pearson of Portland, Or., army aviator, for whom a nationwide search has been conducted for several days since his departure from here for the east to begin a transcontinental flight, has arrived safely at Sanderson, Tex.

Aviation headquarters at Fort Bliss, near here, received a telegram from Lieutenant Pearson from Sanderson at 8:35 P. M., announcing that he was well and uninjured. No further details were contained in the message, which said that explanations were following.

FAMILY'S HOPE REWARDED

News of Safe Arrival Brings Joy to Portland Flier's Home.

Word of the safe return of Lieutenant Alexander Pearson Jr., army aviator who has been missing since 10:30 A. M. last Thursday, brought joy to the hearts of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Pearson, and his younger brother, Guthrie Pearson, at their home at 734 East Main street, last night.

In spite of the reports of the futile search, which have come from Texas during the last few days, the family had steadfastly refused to give up the hope that their son was still alive.

The message which came from the young lieutenant himself to his parents stated that he had arrived in Sanderson, Tex., safe, unhurt and well. No details of his whereabouts during the past week or of the mishap that isolated him in a wild country were given in the message.

Sanderson, according to Guthrie Pearson, who has also served in the aviation corps in that section, is about 80 miles south and 50 miles east of Pecos, where he was reported as being seen. The country is wild and mountainous and ranches are few and far between. Ranches are also few and scattering. Lieutenant Pearson is thought by his brother to have made a forced landing somewhere in the vicinity of Sanderson and to have struggled through the wilds of the mountainous country until he reached some lonely ranch or came upon the railroad.

Girl, 10, Enters Dogs in Race.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 16.—Warren Cordingley of Marysville, Idaho, will drive a team of five sheepdog dogs in the Ashton, Idaho dog race February 22, according to word received here. The dogs are owned by Helen Colwell, 10 years old, who is expected to run them herself, but, owing to tender age, was not allowed to enter.

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JOB FOR HOOVER IN CABINET DEMANDED

Women Have Spoken; Appointment Seems Assured.

POLITICIANS BIT SHOCKED

"Boys" Are Revising Information and "Lathering Themselves" Over Cabinet Developments.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—Warren G. Harding has discovered that the man in public life must not listen too long to the politicians. He has turned aside to hear the women of the country long enough to learn that it would be a serious blunder to reject Herbert Hoover for a place in the cabinet.

The women of the United States, it is ascertained, have not shown any keen interest in the processes of cabinet construction which have been going on first at Marion, O., and then at St. Augustine, Fla., except to let it be known that they demand the appointment of Mr. Hoover. They have asked nothing else, but they have placed strong emphasis on the demand for recognition of Mr. Hoover that it is said the politician who visits St. Augustine these days to "knock" the former food administrator is told that he is wasting his breath.

Politicians Get Shock.

The women do not ask any particular place in the cabinet for Mr. Hoover, but they want him to be somewhere in the official family. They worked with Mr. Hoover during the war and came to believe in his ability. They have let Mr. Harding know that they will regard it as a stupendous blunder and cause for shaken confidence if he fails to avail himself of the services of this splendid man, who, they declare, understands the very heart-throbs of humanity everywhere in the world.

For days the politicians have been chuckling over the news brought here last week that Mr. Hoover had been eliminated from all cabinet consideration. Today they received revised information and, as Judge Landis would remark, the boys began to "lather" themselves. One could hear at every turn that the senate would never confirm Mr. Hoover and that Harding was making a great mistake in trying to force him—not on the country, because the country is demanding his appointment—but upon the politicians.

Opposition Is Expected.

It is expected, of course, that there will be opposition from such senators as Bob La Follette and Jim Reed, but they are only two of 96 senators. Gronna of North Dakota would be one of them, but he goes out of office just 24 hours before cabinet nominations will be submitted. It was these three senators who cooked up an investigation of the United States grain corporation about a year ago for the purpose of "getting Hoover," but they were defeated by a committee which has never even had a meeting.

Meanwhile the patriotic women of the country are not letting up in their campaign to land Mr. Hoover in the cabinet. They are reaching the president-elect by wire and by mail every day making known their wishes. The selection of Mr. Hoover, the women believe, would serve to offset any mistake which may be made in picking a cabinet.

Politics Small Factor.

In naming a cabinet, political considerations appear to have weighed less with Mr. Harding than with any other president in recent years. Woodrow Wilson's original cabinet, it will be recalled, was with two exceptions, filled by exclusively political appointments. The two exceptions were Franklin K. Lane for secretary of the interior and Lindley M. Garrison for secretary of war.

Secretary Garrison was forced to retire at the end of two years because he could not follow the tortuous political course of his chief. Secretary Lane remained seven years but would have quit five years sooner but for having started some big constructive work which he hoped to complete, particularly the achievement of a water-power policy and a scheme for developing the mineral resources of the country in a manner to protect the public rights.

Mr. Bryan was appointed secretary of state because he turned on Champ Clark at Baltimore and the country is familiar with the story of McAdoo, who was treasurer of the democratic national campaign in 1912, and of Burleson, Daniels, Houston, Redfield, McKey and the others.

Best Material Desired.

Mr. Harding began his cabinet by dashing the hopes of every politician in the country. Charles E. Hughes for secretary of state was noticed

that the president-elect reserved the right to take of the best material available regardless of what the politicians thought. A. W. Mellon, for secretary of the treasury, had no backing from the politicians because they had never heard of him. He was picked because of his well-known ability as a financier.

John W. Weeks for secretary of war is a man of long legislative experience, regarded as admirably suited to any one of a half-dozen cabinet jobs. Lowden, for secretary of the navy, has been governor of the third greatest commonwealth of the 48, Wallace, for secretary of agriculture, is the publisher of a farm journal, who has never been active in politics, but no one would ever say that Hoover is a political choice.

This leaves four who must be regarded as political appointments—Daugherty for attorney-general, Fall for postmaster-general, Hall for secretary of the interior and Davis for secretary of labor.

Among other information leaking recently from some important conferences is the news that Admiral Benson is not to be permitted to remain on the shipping board, of which he is now chairman. An eastern man of exceptional executive ability has been prominent in war activities has been agreed upon as chief of the board.

DISEASE PROBE REFUSED

No Funds Available for Klamath Investigation, Hawley Is Told.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—Acting Secretary of Agriculture Ball has informed Representative Hawley that the federal government has no available funds with which to conduct an investigation of a cattle disease prevalent in Wood river valley, Klamath county, Oregon. Mr. Hawley took the matter up with the agricultural department in response to a memorial from the Oregon state senate.

The acting secretary suggested that application be made to the authorities of the state of Nevada and California for assistance, saying that some important developments have been made in these states in handling the disease.

LUMBER ORDER OBTAINED

Mills to Manufacture Pineapple Boxes for Philippines.

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Good news for Medford and Jacksonville is that J. T. Gagnon has just obtained a contract to manufacture 50 carloads of pineapple boxes for the Philippines. It will take five months to complete this contract and to get it out on time with other orders already booked. Mr. Gagnon will at once start to operating his plant at Medford and Jacksonville mills night and day. The boxes will be shipped from Medford to San Francisco by train and from there to the Philippine islands by boat.

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It would have been possible for a stranger to sit in the senate gallery every hour of the present session and still be uncertain just who is the man whose job it is to make the republican majority go to work and keep at it. Officially, Senator Lodge is the leader, but Senator Lodge is also chairman of the foreign affairs committee, and during recent years that alone has come to be a man's size job for a more dominating personality than Senator Lodge. Leadership is a quality of personality that is Heaven-sent by birth, and is not to be acquired by seniority. It is as Barrie's Scotchman said of feminine charm, "If you have it, you need nothing else. If you don't have it, nothing else will help you."

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