

HOOVER SAYS WAR BASIS AIDS TRADE

Reorganization of Federal Bureaus Needed.

NAME WILL HELP WORK

Popular Sentiment Will Be Won Over by ex-Food Administrator's Role, Says Sullivan.

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Copyright by the New York Evening Post, Inc. Published by Arrangement. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—It is inherent in the personality of Herbert Hoover that there should be much curiosity about what he is going to do with the commerce department.

The only public address Mr. Hoover has made since he took over the department which contained any hint of what is in his mind occurred in the course of a whimsical and informal talk at the press club reception to President Harding.

As bearing on the chaotic arrangement of bureaus, he said humorously that he had discovered that he has control of all matters pertaining to polar bears, while matters relating to grizzly bears must go to the secretary of agriculture.

Congress Has Only Power.

The reorganization of the government, which is to cure this and scores of more serious incongruities, will not be within the scope of Mr. Hoover's activity. He is but one member of the cabinet, nor all of them, nor the entire executive branch of the government can of their own power decree the changing of a bureau from one department of the government to another.

This is wholly within the power of congress, and the work will really be done by a committee, of which little has been heard but which just this week began vigorous work. It is a joint committee of congress, headed by Smoot of Utah, on the part of the senate, and Reavis of Nebraska, on the part of the house. All that anybody outside of congress can do is to make recommendation.

Hoover Expected to Aid.

Undoubtedly Hoover, because of the high quality of his thought, will be much relied on in laying out the new scheme of things. Also, because of his popularity, the association of his name with the recommendations will help to put public pressure behind the changes, a pressure which everybody here realizes will be needed to overcome the opposition of the officeholders with friends in congress who will resent and resist the individual discomfort involved in the coming dislocations.

Much more pregnant as to Hoover's future activities was another hint contained in a few sentences of the speech already mentioned.

After pointing out that 2,000,000 men are out of work in this country, that the railroads compared to the volume of their equipment are in worse shape now than at any other time in their history, that much of last year's crops were still on the farms and that at the same time millions of Europeans were much in need of our products, Mr. Hoover said in a tentative way that possibly the best way to cure our economic paralysis

is to call back the war-time spirit of service.

This was a pregnant sentence. What this would mean would be the plan of voluntary organization and co-operation in industry that was carried out during the war by the food administration and by the war industries board. This plan involved bringing together in Washington the leaders of each line of trade and industry and getting them to agree to adopt and accept for themselves important practices along the lines of economy and co-operation.

It was, in effect, an adaptation of the German system of cartels. This German system is now partially in effect, not only in Germany, but in several other countries. In France, for example, all the large users of coal have been brought together by the government and do their buying of coal as a unit.

Advantage Is Obvious.

The advantage of a common purchasing agent, acting for an entire country, over individual sellers of coal in other countries is obvious. The only way to meet it is for all the sellers of coal in the nations that deal with France to unite and act through a common selling agent.

The case of France and coal is merely an example, for France, Great Britain, Italy, Germany and several other nations are doing the same thing in other lines of industry. Obviously, so long as in other nations entire industries act as units, the United States can only meet the situation by organizing corresponding industries into smaller units. Mr. Hoover's reference to this situation was only a hint, but it will be logical to expect that the necessities of the case will recommend some such organization of industry to us, and that Mr. Hoover, conceiving of his office as being the guardian and friend of American commerce, will lead it.

Past secretaries of commerce have had no such world grasp of industry as Hoover has, and have not come to such close grips with it as Hoover's incisive energy and will. American business men will find in Hoover a man who knows world trade as they can never know it, and as it is known by their experienced and organized competitors in other countries.

COLLINS TRIAL BEGINS

AUTO DEALER IS ACCUSED OF AIDING BANK FRAUD.


Court Has Difficulty Getting Jury to Try Grants Pass Man in Jacksonville Case.

MEDFORD, Or., March 10.—(Special.)—Although the case against Benjamin M. Collins, Grants Pass automobile dealer, on his indictment in connection with the failure of the Bank of Jacksonville, was called to trial shortly before noon today, obtaining a jury was hard work, and when court adjourned late today several men still were lacking in the jury box. The trial may take up all of tomorrow.

Mr. Collins formerly was a well-known resident of Jackson county, having resided for years in Medford. He was cashier two years ago in the Bank of Jacksonville, and was city clerk of Medford. The fact that he is so well known was partially responsible for delay in getting a complete jury.

The indictment against Collins charges the "aiding and abetting of a cashier of a bank" in the crime of the bank's failure. The date of the crime was alleged to be July 24, 1920.

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