ROOSEVELT'S NEW SECRETARY

CAREER OF WILLIAM LOEB, IR., WHO HAS REACHED GREAT PROMINENCE AT THE AGE OF THIRTY-SIX

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(Special Correspondence.)-Of all young Americans in their thirties the most conspicuous in our National life William Loeb, Jr., just elevated to the difficult and responsible office of

ecretary Loeb is only 26. He receive a Senator's salary of \$5000 a year. His ank is but one step below that of our department heads. His new office has thrice been a stepping-stone to the Cabi-net, once to the high office of Ambassador. A brilliant future would appear to swalt him. The bright star of the man in National life has been rapidly in the ascendant during the past six years. It is nearer the zenith today than ever before in our entire history.

The new secretary is entitled to "honorable" before his name. An incumbent of his office must now be con firmed by the Senate. Just before Presifirmed by the Senate. Just before President McKinley's first term the title of the office was changed from "private secretary" to "secretary." "Mr. Secretary." the same form of address applied to Cabinet members, is employed by White House visitors who greet Mr. Loeb-at least by those versed in official etiquette. Secretary Loeb has been known as "Roosevelt's right-hand man" since the head of the Nation came here as Vice-President in 1901. He has been nearer to the Fresident than any other man, young the President than any other man, young or old, during the past year and a half, having stood in the same relation to his chief as did Mr. Cortelyou to President McKinley, during the incumbency of the late John Addison Porter as secretary to the President.

To preside over the busiest office in all of the Americas is no small task for a ng man in the thirties. But he had watched "the wheels go round" for many months before he took his station at the throttle controlling them. Under present throttle controlling them. Under present conditions it would be well-nigh a harrowing task for a "green" man to assume these responsibilities. Before entering upon his White House duties Secretary Porter received some tutoring from his immediate predecessor, Secretary Thurber, and even called upon former Private Secretary Lamont for advice. A perfectly clean desk greeted Secretary Loeb when he assumed his office. Such had been the perfect executive ability of Secretary Cortelyou that no unfinished business was carried forward. finished business was carried forward. Secretary Loeb's new office in the much-criticised White House annex, which Dem-ocratic Representatives recently referred to in public debate as a "Western dug-out," "chicken coop," "carriage barn" and "coalhouse," is in the center of the south side of the little white building. He sits at a broad flat-top manogany desk and faces the door through which all vis-itors enter. At his right hand is a smaller desk, occupied by Assistant Secretarry Barnes. On his left is a large room filled with clerks and stenographers; on his right, a doorway leading to the Presient's private office. The secretary's room is furnished in mahogany and his massive deak rests upon a handsome India-rug. He faces a cheerful fireplace kept burning during the chill Winter days. Arthur Simnons, a veteran colored messenger, who has done duty about the White House since Johnson's administration, guards the secretary's door leading into the combined hallway and reception-room in which guests awaiting the President and secretary must now content themselves. Simmons is the buffer between the impahis longtenure of office to his acumen in "wining up" strangers. No one can see the President without first seeing Secretary Loeb, and no one can see Secretary Loeb without first seeing Simmons and

arm in arm, in front of Daly's Theater,

today. Both prosperous young men they

an income of 10,000 plunks a year. These two men met for the first time in Lon-

don, where Brisbane was acting as cor-respondent for the Sun and Davis was

doing "space work" on a London paper. They shook hands and parted. Davis came

back to this country and went straight from the steamer to City Hall Park. He

managing editor of the Sua, the other to Joseph Pulitzer, of the World. He was tired and sat down on a bench in the park to rest and plan his mode of attack

on Messrs. Pulitzer and Lord. Along came

his chance London acquaintance, the young Sun correspondent. He had come home to edit the Evening Sun.

"How are you Brishane?"
"What are you doing here?"
"Going to try to get on the World or

"Oh, cheer up," quoted Brisbane, "What's the matter with the Evening

Sun? You come on tomorrow, and Fil put you to work. Thirty-five per week. How does that hit you?"

Brisbane left Richard Harding Davis

Richard to a house in Broome street, and then came back to the Aster House to get a check cashed. Davis went into the As-tor, but could not find the private detec-

the but could not find the private detec-tive. The bunco man was waiting out-side for \$1990 of Davis' good money. In despair be determined to arrest the man himself. There wasn't a policeman is sight. There was a great fight and a great crowd. Davis held on to his man and the londer the crowd hooted the tight-er grow his grip. At last a policeman came and was disposed to treat the whole thing as a huge loke, but Davis shouted: "You arrest this man! You are not doing

"You arrest this man! You are not doing it for me, for back of me is the New York

Sun. I am a reporter on the Sun. You let this man go and you'll be broke."

That had a certain effect on the crowd

and the policeman. The former turned around and jeared the infortunate bunco steerer, and cheered Davis. That after-neon the name of Richard Harding Davis

was in every New York paper, and on every newspaper bulletin. It was also in the Evening Sun. Mr. Davis had made a ten strike. The next day he was the talk

Lew Fields, of Weber and Fields fame,

met a youthful acquaintance at the Gilsey

House corner yesterday. The young man

House corner yesterday. The young man rattled off eight new and seasonable lokes into the car of Mr. Pields, who received the Gatlins-gun fire of wittleisms with a smile on his face. "Forget 'em," he said to the young fellow. "Don't tell 'em no mere to nobody any more," and he pulled a roll of greenbacks and handed over Ex. Pields said to me afterwards: "Three dollars a joke, and chesp for the money."

'Hullo, Davis!'

and old friends, too, and both have

UP AND DOWN BROADWAY

N EW YORK, March 2.—(Special cor-respondence.)—I met Arthur Bris-the pike on the Fifth-avenue side this

Sun. I've got a couple of letters here from Blakely Hall to Pulltzer and Lord, and if I don't catch on (smilingly) well, popular Nat is, when he gets up in time, there's the river."

slone with his newly found happiness, and as Davis was still tired, he continued to sit upon the bench in the park. He looked and was dressed like an Englishman; had his bag, his canses, umbrellas, checked suit and trousers turned up. Along came a bunco steerer. This bunco steerer piloted Richard to a house in Errorme street and Richard to a house in Errorme street and

Edward W. Townsend, who made yesterday-same old doctor, same old tour

bane and Richard Harding Davis, in arm, in front of Daly's Theater,
. Both prosperous young men they send old friends, too and both have been hiding in the country for two years, hard at work upon this book,

RODNEY BLAKE'S PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PROMINENT



WILLIAM LOEB, JR., PRIVATE SECRETARY OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

official teem which the Government allows an incumbent of his office drives him up to the new executive office building soon after his breakfast. By that time a goodly collection of Senators, Representatives and other callers have arrived and given their cards to Simmons. The secretary having glanced over the important letters sorted out from the morning's mail, receives the cards, and at 16 o'clock designates to Simmons those visitors who may be admitted to see the President. These fortunate ones gather in groups in the secretary's office, and directly the door to the eastward opens and the President enters. Then begins the first "round-up" of the morning, and the stranger making his initial cail dethe stranger making his initial call departs amazed at the celerity with which the head of the Nation disposes of his call-ers. The President grasps the hands of the group nearest his door. "Good morning, I am very glad to see you, indeed-I am very sorry that I cannot do that.

which is likely to bring him a small for-tune. It is not generally known that Mr. Townsend was born in Cleveland, of par-ents who were originally New Yorkers.

When not more than 15 years old he began to send to the Cleveland newspapers ar-ticles which were promptly printed. Be-fore he was of age he went to California

to study mining, but journalism had laid a beguiling hand upon the boy, and after some experience on rural journals be did a great deal of good work upon the San

Francisco newspapers. Then he came to New York, and is still at work for the

There are certain actors in this town

who never leave Broadway. There are some who love to get on the big white

way as soon as they can. Conspicuous among them is Nat Goodwin, who gener-ally walks wearing an irreproachable top

way two or three times, he invariably makes a walk from his house-a distance

Archibald Clavering Gunter, fat and

prosperous, can be found basking in the

sun at the Hoffman House these days.

Lloyd Osborne, novelist, and stepson of

Robert Louis Stevenson, rambles down

the avenue every morning when the sun

shines. He is a big, tall chap, and very handsome. He is here for the Winter, and makes his home at the Lambs' Club. Lately he has built a new house in San

Francisco, which lively city he calls

Home again from his occasional vaude-

ville "stunt," the diminutive Marshall P. Wilder is seen in Upper Boardway, most

always with a pretty girl at his side.
Wilder lives at the same old nest at
Thirty-third street and Broadway, where
he flings the same old flag to the breeze.
He tells me he is arranging to go to
Doubland early in Aprell

A frail, delicate little woman, but very

pretty, is Hallie Erminie Rives. The Southern writer and author of "Hearts Courageous," who is a society woman as well as a novelist is a familiar figure on Broadway. She is here for the Winter,

and has another novel nearly ready for

George Ade, who is coining money from

his comic opera, has deserted dear old Broadway and returned to Chicago. Out

of his weekly income of \$1000 a week Mr. Ade puts away two-thirds of it in the bank. He'll be as rich as the Sultan of Sulu before the Christmas bells ring

I saw Dr. Parkhurst in the Tendericin

England early in April.

On Secretary Loeb's first day at his new post a grief-stricken woman, with a little her sobs that she might see the President to gain a commutation for her husband, sentenced to be hanged in Alaska. The last beat which could take word to stay the execution was to start before many the secretary's door leading into the combined hallway and reception-room in which guests awniting the President and secretary must now content themselves. Simmons is the buffer between the impatient crowd and the secretary. He owes its longtenure of office to his acumen in "wining up" strangers. No was can see the President without first seeing Secretary Loeb, and no one can see Secretary took, and no one can see Secretary took without first seeing Secretary though and no one can see Secretary took without first seeing Secretary took without first seeing Simmons and inducing that functionary to take in his card.

Mr. Loeb's routine is as follows: The

crime came in a sermon preached in the Madison-Avenue Presbyterian Church, about the midde of February, 1892. After

the sermon came his famous personal in-vestigation of the slums-and New York

vestigation of the siums—and New York fully recognizes now that these were un-dertaken in sublime courage, with no vulgar wishing for notoriety—and these were followed by a second sermon, preached March 14, 182. After that his fight for right was continuous and suc-cessful. RODNEY BLAKE.

Women in Business Life.

Brooklyn Engle. Brooklyn Engle.
One of the humore or tragedies, if you please of the higher education of women has been that where women have fitted themselves with great labor for the law

Showing

Age. Some people begin to show age before the meridian of life

have lived out half their days. They are prematurely gray, haggard and sickly, and seldom free from an ache or pain of

Cold feet, chilly sensations, stiffness in muscles and joints, weak stomach and poor digestion, lack of energy, and drows-

iness, nervousness, etc., show that old age has been reached shead of time. Bad blood and weak

time. Bad blood and weak
circulation more often
produce these miserable
feelings and signs of decay than anything else.
An inherited taint or
poison of some descrip-

tem, causing stagnation and a general unhealthy condition of the blood; and this, and not the weight of years, is drag-ing you down to an untimely old age and making life a protracted torture.

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spirits of youth.

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poison of some descrip-tion is at work in the sys-

is reached, or they

trusted newspaper men into his confidence, the President never grants interviews in which he is quoted. The secretary provides the press correspondents with lists of appointments and statements in regard to the official acts of the President, or, when necessary, furnishes in personal interviews such further particulars as he deems wise to divulge. But he follows the rule adopted by his predecessors of refusing to indicate the prospects of candidates to office or the probable action of the President on matters under discussion. have found this office a stepping stone to

under discussion.

While letters are now coming into the White House at the rate of about 200 a day, the President sees less than this number in a week. But far be it from the fact that the secretary scans all of those remaining. They pass through the hands of a clerk, who skims off the cream of each day's correspondence. The secretary answers the more important letters, but is too busy a man to write these replies himself. He dictates to his stenographer or indicates a reply which that trained amanuensis frames.

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Launghed on Wave of Officeseekers. In office-seeking times a secretary to the President suffers his worst trials and tribulations. Secretary Loeb cams into office facing a temporary wave of this nuisance resulting from the establishment of the new Department of Commerce and Labor. But as a result of the well-nigh complete civil service reform now extending over the great executive establishment, office-seeking will never become so much of a nuisance as it has been in times gone by.

Tact and a wide acquaintance with men

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Tact and a wide acquaintance with men of affairs are the main keynotes to Secretary Loeb's success. He is not a college man. He commenced his career as a measuager boy at 12, but later received a high school education and a thorough training in stenography. His first employment after graduation was in the office of a newspaper correspondent where sweed ployment after graduation was in the office of a newspaper correspondent, where speed and willingness to adapt himself to ir-regular hours were the grime requisites. Then he found better pay in the office of a business man until Bishop Doane se-lected him as his amanuensis. In his make-up there was none of the nomadic spirit characteristic of the aver-

age young man with equal self-rehance. He was born in Albany of stolid German parentage, and as he matured he gained the friendship of the influential men who the friendship of the influential men who frequented the Empire Capital. Unlike his predecessor, he had a taste for politics, and at an early age became the chief lieutenant of Eugene Burlingame, the then Republican leader of Albany. He was secretary to the Republican county committee when scarcely more than a youth, and served two years as vice-president of the Unconditional Republican Club.

When only 2 he was elected official stenographer of the Lower House of the

ographer of the Lower House of the New York Legislature, a position which demanded great skill, and which was fraught with many responsibilities for one

Meeting With Roosevelt.

During the first few months of Mr. Roosevelt's administration as Governor of New York, Mr. Loeb served as one of the four executive stenographers. Had he been a young man of mediocre ability he would never have attracted the strenuous Rough Rider's attention. As it was, Mr. Loeb had so much improved his time in his short career that he had a personal acquaintance with all of the public men frequenting the state cantial. Since servifrequenting the state capital. Since servi irequenting the state capital. Since serving as stenographer to the assembly he had been private accretary to a Lieutenant-Governor, a president pro tem of the State Senate, a speaker of the Assembly and a candidate for the office of Governor. With the latter, Mr. Fassett, he had toured the state during a spirited campaign. He had reported the debates of the constitutional convention and had paign. He had reported the debates of the constitutional convention and had been stenographer to the District Attor-ncy and grand jury. Governor Roosevelt soon realised that a young man with such experience and wide acquaintance would be valuable to him as his private and confidential secretary. Mr. Loeb re-ceived the promotion. And he has been "Roosevelt's right-hand man" ever since. Prior to President Buchanan's adminis-Prior to President Buchanan's adminis-tration each President had to furnish his tration each President may to turnish his own private secretary and pay for such services out of his own pocket; and in those days the Presidential salary was but \$50,000 a year. But the work of the Presidential office was as nothing in those

of investigation. Folk treat him kindly, and why should they not, for his hair and his famous chin whisker grow whiter comes at the bottom of those professions, while men have jumped into the naturally or medicine or the ministry most of them feminine business of dressmaking and cooking and have absorbed the cream. No and whiter? As a reformer, Dr. Park-hurst delivered his first reform sermon m sermon and, after 13 years of strenuousness, he is just as lively as ever. He stands today at once the best-loved and the most-hated man in New York. As a reformer he has placed himself in the company of Luther and the grand men of the past. His first intimation that he recommend to depart from the case where the proposed to depart from the quiet ways of an ordinary clergyman and make his name a synonym for the battle against

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