

CABINET LINEUP IS DECLARED STRONG

Personnel Said to Be Best in Three Administrations.

EACH MEMBER QUALIFIED

Failure to Attain Ideal Is Called Basis of Complaints Made by Opposition.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—(Special.)—The only practical standard by which to appraise Mr. Harding's cabinet is that of previous cabinets. Most of the public comment ignores the starting point. Some of the cabinet has taken as its base of comparison a vague picture of an ideal cabinet, which arose loosely out of Mr. Harding's use of the phrase, "The best minds of the country."
It was not merely, nor even primarily, of his cabinet that Mr. Harding used this phrase. In fact, he meant it more broadly to express the idea that he would follow the practice of going outside his own personal relations to select as respects everything that came up from time to time he will, in an unofficial and informal way, supplement the advice of his official family by consultation with "the best minds of the country."

Cabinet Considered Strong.

Also much comment on the new cabinet is prejudiced by the fact that it comes from persons who had set their hearts on the inclusion of two men—General Wood and Elihu Root—who were omitted. Another considerable number had set their minds against one man who was taken in—Harry Daugherty. A third group which makes too much of the omission or inclusion of certain individuals is obviously not well grounded in the facts. Without prejudging persons who have made a careful comparison of Mr. Harding's cabinet, man for man, with every other cabinet within the present generation have come to the judgment that Mr. Harding's cabinet is, on the whole, decidedly stronger than any of the others.

Hughes Preferred to Knox.

In fact, it is just these two men who are now preferred to Hughes by those who are not satisfied by the selection of the latter. Mr. Knox, it was only a few senators and others who preferred him to Hughes. Their reason for this preference is precisely the opposite of what Hughes is the better selection. They wanted Knox because Knox had the extreme irreconcilable position on the issue of setting up a cabinet of unbiassed persons must prefer Hughes, for the precise reason that his mind is more open to the suggestion of any one section of feeling. And there are other reasons why Hughes need not fear comparison with Knox. Comparison with Root, however, is a different matter. Those who continue to wish that Root had been the choice have at least reasonable ground for their position. While the superiority of Root's experience is undeniable, it is also true that the number who regard his superiority as the only test is comparatively small.

Wide Acquaintance Valuable.

Hughes, as a man who has been a candidate for president, who has campaigned for the country for himself and others, and has been a member of the most exclusive group of men in our national government, the supreme court, carries to thousands of persons to whom he is better known than Root the conviction of high character and very great ability.

Hoover Popular Choice.

In a popular sense, as well as in the sense of careful judgment, the inclusion of Hoover carries an amount of favorable conviction quite as great as, or even greater than Hughes. It will be hard to find the public believe that a cabinet which includes Hoover is ever on the side of anything that idealists regard as indefensible. Moreover, no one will contend for a moment that any man who has ever filled the post of secretary of commerce has had anything even faintly approaching either the ability or the public confidence that Hoover has.

Weeks' Mind Acute.

In Washington, however, weeks stands high for ability and diligence. In his committee work in the house and senate he acquired complete mastery of three important branches of the government business—the post-office, banking and currency and military affairs. He has an accurate mind and he has a quality which, while not spectacular, will carry man a long way—the quality of industry, the will to work.

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JAPANESE MAY MAKE CABLE CONCESSIONS

Tokio, However, Will Insist on Yap Mandate.

BREACH TO BE AVOIDED

Harding, Says Press, Will Adopt Strong Foreign Policies and Reopen Pending Issues.

TOKIO, March 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Yomi-Uri Shinbun today published a dispatch from Paris, quoting Viscount Kikujiro Ichi, Japanese ambassador to France, as representative of the Japanese council of the league of nations, as saying that Japan would insist on her mandate over the island of Yap, but was ready to make concessions regarding the cables.
The newspaper says it thinks Viscount Ichi's statement embodies the idea of Japan, which does not desire to permit the Yap question to affect the friendly relations between Japan and the United States.
The Yomi-Uri surmised Japan will propose that the Guam-Yap cable line be placed under joint control, but declared it remains to be seen whether this would satisfy the United States.
The Kokumin Shinbun calls attention to the importance of the inauguration of the Harding administration will have in far eastern affairs. It cannot be denied, the newspaper says, that the negotiations between Japan and the United States on pending questions must undergo renewed discussion, more especially the accord between the two countries, which had almost reached the stage of success.
"At this critical moment," the Kokumin continues, "another delicate matter has arisen, the Yap problem. The Harding administration probably will adopt stronger foreign policies than the outgoing administration, so that Japan's diplomacy toward America is bound to become increasingly difficult."
"We herewith present with our congratulations a beautiful bouquet of roses to the new president of the United States, but we wish to warn our own government to be careful not to receive back from the American government our rose gift in the form of a crown of thistles."

SIBERIA FLAYS JAPANESE

League of Nations Member Said to Be Slaying Innocent People.

TOKIO, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—The Japanese military repression in Siberia, organ of the Chita, Siberia, government, submitted to the Japanese foreign office today by the Japanese consul at Vladivostok. The Tribuna article follows:
"Japan, one of the powers that belongs to the league of nations, is slaying a number of innocent people on the Russian Pacific coast, and slaying them with impunity."
"In the case of Grodekovo and other Japanese troops, the Russian for Russians has become an impossibility. Most of the inhabitants have abandoned their homes, schools have been closed, public offices have been abolished and a number of innocent people are daily killed."
"The Russian civil guards are unable to arrest offenders on account of Japanese interference. To make matters worse, most of the criminals are sheltered in Japanese military offices."
"We are not unaware of the dreadful consequences that follow the wake of foreign troops in Russian territory, but we never dared dream that these troops should launch a colonial policy with regard to Russian territory."
"It is strange that the European powers remain silent. We cannot but conclude that one of the objects of the Japanese is to let anarchy loose in the maritime province."
"Japan may be desirous of making peace with the new far eastern republic, but she must be reminded that the policy she is at present following is conducive only to introducing anarchy into the places where she now is. This will not only breed hostile sentiment against any treaty being signed with Japan, but will also heighten Russian feeling against the Japanese."

CHILDREN AT VERY DOOR

(Continued From First Page.)
On arriving at the theater President and Mrs. Harding were cheered and the president shook hands with the manager. They were escorted to the presidential box, raised with the American flag, while the orchestra played the "Star-Spangled Banner" and the audience applauded.

Costa Ricans Take Town.

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, March 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Bocas del Toro, at the southern end of Columbus island, has been taken by the Costa Rican forces. Many casualties were inflicted upon the Panamanian troops and the Costa Ricans took 150 prisoners. It is said in reports reaching here.

Portland Man to Marry.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 5.—(Special.)—The marriage of a young man here today to Palmer Rude, 23, Portland, and Ives Matson, 24, Kent.

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PAY ROW STILL BREWS

SCHOOL HEAD SAYS NEXT MOVE UP TO COMMISSION.

Number of Married Women Resign When Reduction Becomes In Force, but One Stays.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 5.—(Special.)—The controversy about the cut in salaries of married women employed at the courthouse is acute. A number of married women who have been working at the courthouse resigned March 1, when the resolution adopted by the county commission became effective. The county proposed to pay such women half the salary usually paid for doing such work.
In the case of C. P. Bennett, county superintendent of schools, the question is just a little different. The old salary for this office was \$120 a month. The superintendent takes office September 1, as is the case in all other offices.
Under the new law, effective January 1, nearly all county offices pay \$200 a year, that of superintendent of schools included. However, he will have to work for \$100 a month until September 1, if he holds the office and he is elected for two years beginning at that date. In the office of superintendent, Mrs. Bennett is paid \$125 a month as chief deputy, though the superintendent gets but \$100. The commissioners, however, have cut Mrs. Bennett's salary to \$62.50.
Mrs. Bennett said that the next move is up to the commissioners—his wife is working. If he desired, he could resign for the remainder of his term and then return September 1, resume the duties of the office and get his \$2000 a year. He could appoint another deputy at \$5 a day, which would cost the county \$120 a month instead of \$125 as at present.

Picture Described to Blind.

HONOLULU, T. H.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Blind inmates of the Kalaupapa leper colony on the island of Moikai obtain keen enjoyment out of the moving pictures which are shown in the settlement from time to time, according to reports from Kalaupapa. Members of the leper colony, whose sight has not been destroyed by the disease, accompany their blind companions to the picture show and explain the action of the films, much to the pleasure of those who "live in the dark."

Last Cabby Drops Dead.

TRENTON, N. J.—For the first time in the memory of the oldest inhabitant the night trolley was without a horse-drawn cab. The owner and driver of the last one in operation here fell dead from his box from heart disease. Just after he had taken a passenger to a Stockton street address. The cabbie was Martin Koscewick and he did a lively business to the last, despite the competition of taxis and trolleys. He was 60 years old.

Ship Board Choice Urged.

Plans were considered at scattered conferences between senators and shipping officials today to secure the appointment by the president on Monday of the new shipping board. It was said that there is dire necessity for a shipping board that can begin functioning at once. A movement has been started, apparently in the east, to induce the Washington delegation to abandon the indifference of ex-Representative Humphrey of Seattle for the shipping board, and to get behind Colonel Charles R. Forbes of Spokane. It is not believed that the senators and representatives from Washington will alter their course.



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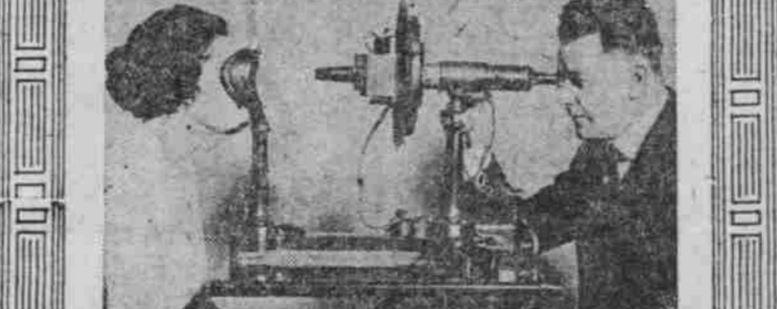
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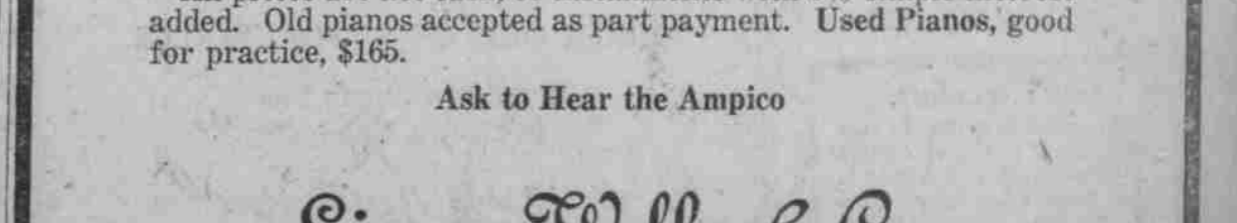
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