

The Hon. Elihu Root, Secretary of State

Leader of the American Bar, He Abandons a \$200,000 Law Practice For an \$5,000 Job—His Presidential Aspirations.

ELIHU ROOT, who succeeds the late John Hay as secretary of state, has often been called the leader of the American bar. He receives larger retainers than any other disciple of Blackstone in the United States, and it is said that he abandons a law practice worth over \$200,000 a year to wrestle with the worries and problems of the state department for \$8,000, the regular salary of a cabinet officer. Unselfish as this seems, there are undoubtedly other considerations, not the least important of which is the fact that his acceptance of the state portfolio is generally taken to indicate that he is the administration's candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1908.

Secretary Root is a native of Clinton, N. Y., and is in his sixty-first year. He narrowly escaped being a valetine, for he was born on Feb. 15, 1845. His father, Oren Root, was for many years professor of mathematics at Hamilton college, and Elihu was graduated from this institution in 1864. Like many other successful men, he learned a great deal about human nature by teaching school for a year. In 1867 he received his sheepskin from a law school and began the practice of his profession. In 1883 President Arthur appointed him United States district attorney for the southern district of New York, in 1894 he was a delegate at large to the New York state constitutional convention, and on Aug. 1, 1899, he entered President McKinley's cabinet as secretary of war. Many difficult problems, including the pacification of the Philippines and the relief of the legations in China, were his to solve, and he handled them with rare skill and success. Many times during Secretary Hay's absence he performed the duties of secretary of state, and both Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt considered him one of their most able advisers. In January, 1904, he left the cabinet, resumed the practice of law and in a very short time won premier honors in his profession. Brainy, studious, thorough, discreet, close mouthed and determined, he is



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a worthy successor of John Hay. As secretary of war he was at once the despair and delight of the correspondents, for he has a keen wit and is a past master in satirical repartee. The papers announced that he was going to the Philippines. "Is it true, Mr. Secretary?" a reporter asked him one morning.

"I suppose," was the cynical reply, "that I will have to go for the Biblical reason—that that which was written may be fulfilled."

Being asked what he was going to do with the somewhat vexatious army transports, he replied hopefully, "Well, if I could choose the passenger list I'd take 'em out in the Atlantic ocean and sink 'em."

"Do you expect to have any communication from Oyster Bay?" a correspondent inquired.

"I suppose so," replied the secretary, "unless I give appointments in the army to all the rough riders."

There was gossip to the effect that Minister Couger was in disfavor with the president. "What will the president do to him?" asked a newspaper man.

"I think," the secretary said gravely, "that the president, with due regard for all the niceties of oriental etiquette, will send him a poisoned letter."

Secretary Root is never responsible for any "hot air." State secrets are perfectly safe with him. He can answer a question and impart as little genuine information as any man in the United States. Now and then, despite his shrewdness, he meets his match. It is said that when he resumed the practice of the law in New York a year and a half ago he engaged a new office boy. Said Mr. Root, "Who carried off my paper basket?" "It was Mr. Reilly," said the boy. "Who is Mr. Reilly?" "The janitor, sir." An hour later Mr. Root asked, "Jimmie, who opened that window?" "Mr. Lantz, sir." "And who is Mr. Lantz?" "The window cleaner, sir." Mr. Root wheeled about and looked at the boy. "See here, James," he said, "we call men by their first names here. We don't 'mister' them in this office. Do you understand?" "Yes, sir." In ten minutes

the door opened and a shrill voice said, "There's a man here as wants to see you, Elihu."

COUNTESS TOLSTOI.

A Practical Woman, She Checks Her Husband's Extravagances.

Sometimes it is fortunate for a dreamer that he has a practical wife. Count Tolstol, "intellectual czar of all the Russias," would today be without the price of a meal but for his hard headed helpmeet. She looks after his business affairs, keeps his money and is a check on his impractical ideas. Some time ago he tried to give away all his property in order to better the condition of the unfortunate peasants of Russia. His wife vetoed the plan. "You have brought sixteen children into the world," she said firmly, "and they are to be considered first."

"Very well," said Count Tolstol, "then you take the responsibility of the prop-



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erty." She did so, and Josiah Flynt, author of "Tramping With Tramps," is authority for the statement that even when Tolstol needs the price of a ticket at the public baths he asks his devoted wife for the necessary cash. Countess Tolstoi is in hearty sympathy with some of her eccentric husband's ideas and wholly out of harmony with others. "You will hear the count say a number of things in which I do not believe at all," she remarked to Mr. Flynt. She is fond of society and music and of the strenuous aristocratic life which her husband abhors. While she is not in accord with his views, no man ever had a more devoted wife. She has been of great assistance to him in his literary work, has written thousands of pages of manuscript at his dictation and has carefully handed the royalties on his books which he refused to accept.

MRS. JOHN WEAVER.

Wife of Philadelphia's Mayor Prominent in Church and Charity Work.

Like her husband, the mayor, Mrs. John Weaver is a devout Baptist and spends a great deal of her time in church and charitable work. For years before he was district attorney or mayor John Weaver taught a Bible class, and he continued to teach it after mayoralty honors came to him. Mrs. Weaver is rather petite and girlish looking, with fair hair, slightly tinged with gray, and honest blue eyes. She is one of a family of fourteen brothers and sisters, nine of whom are living near Philadelphia. The mayor's dad is yachting. For years he has been commodore of the Seaside Park Yacht club on Barnegat bay, and Mrs. Weaver has officiated as treasurer of the Ladies' auxiliary. The Weavers had three children, two of whom, a boy and a girl, died in child-



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hood. The third child, Roy, a rollicking, bright eyed boy of ten, is of an investigating turn of mind. On a recent birthday Roy was presented by his father with a handsome watch. The very next day Mr. Weaver came suddenly upon his young hopeful in the act of dissecting the timepiece. In his hand he held the empty case, and all around him in picturesque confusion lay the delicate works. "I was only trying to find out if you had been cheated," remarked Roy. "I read the other day that a watch had 175 different parts, and I just wanted to be sure they were all here."

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