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Officials of the Treasury Anticipate Reorganization.

LONGWORTH TO THE FRONT

Map Be Next Chairman of the Important Committee on Ways and Means of the House—Change the Head Tax. As Applied to Diplomats.

WASHINGTON February 21.—There is understood to be much trepidation among the officials of the Treasury department, who for years have been accustomed to run things to suit themselves, owing to the fact that Postmaster General Cortelyou is to take charge of the great financial institution on the 4th of next March. When Mr. Cortelyou goes from the head of the Post Office Department to the Treasury he will take with him the reputation for reorganization that bodes no good for the dry bones with which the Treasury is infected. This is the reason the officials there who run along in the same old rut for the past two or three decades have cause to fear there will follow a shaking up of things generally.

Mr. Cortelyou is an organizer by nature and believes the government ought to be operated along the same lines that the same and successful business man pursues in the conduct of the big affairs of commercial life. He had not been in the postoffice department very long before he discovered that officials were constantly lapping over into the authority of others and that work was being duplicated, not only entailing useless expenditure for clerk hire that could be better utilized in other branches, but that public business was delayed and friction created that disorganized the great department where thorough system and organization were so essential to success. In an incredibly short time he had mastered the details of this department, held a conference with his assistants, reapportioned their duties and put the postal business of the country on a strict business basis. Since then the administration of the postal affairs have improved immeasurably.

In the Treasury department there is abundant room for the execution of similar reorganization plans and it is no secret among the personal friends of Mr. Cortelyou that he proposes to turn things upside down there. In this he has the approval of the President. There are many bureau chiefs in the financial headquarters of the

government who for years, apparently responsible to no one, have conducted the public business according to their own ideas of propriety, and have been accused of "playing favorites" in giving out information of importance and value to the financial world, and refusing legitimate information to those persons and financial institutions that did not belong to the coterie that has grown strong through the system built up by these representatives of bureaucracy. Mr. Cortelyou believes that the Treasury, of all the public departments should be free from outside influences and that it should be operated along strictly business lines. He will see that this is done and that is the reason bureau chiefs do not relish his coming. The retirement of General Grosvenor, of Ohio, from Congress at the expiration of the present session will leave a vacancy in the important committee on Ways and Means, over which there is even now pending a pretty struggle. This is the great Committee of the House that has to deal with all matters connected with revenue and finance. It is considered a great honor to be a member of it, and the standing of Ohio as one of the great manufacturing states of the Union entitles it to representation.

Mr. Burton, of Cleveland, Chairman of the Rivers and Harbors committee, has intimated that he does not longer care for the responsibilities of that assignment, but it is believed he will change his mind. Should he withdraw, however, he would be the choice of the Speaker to succeed Grosvenor. If he remains where he is the contest will devolve between General Keifer and "Nick" Longworth, the President's son-in-law. Gen. Keifer, although only serving his first term in recent years, is an old member and one time Speaker of the House. He is now on the Appropriation committee but would gladly go to the other committee where individual impress upon matters of national policy is greater. Mr. Longworth is growing in influence with the House. He is now serving his second term and was reelected to the next Congress. Although close to the President "Nick" is with the organization in Ohio which is dominated by Senators Foraker and Dick, neither of them whom is a Roosevelt admirer. Mr. Longworth has been successful in the role of "peacemaker" between the factions in Ohio and everybody likes him. He is a man of ability and the chances are good that "Uncle Joe" will pick him as the successor to Grosvenor.

This government no longer collects the \$2 head tax of diplomatic representatives of foreign governments coming to this country on duty. Notice to this effect was issued last week to all customs and revenue officers. It was one of the first official acts of Secretary Straus of the Department of Commerce and Labor. The Secretary had been in the diplomatic service and he knew how galling it was to members of the corps coming to this country to be placed in the same category as steerage passengers. The American law applies generally to all aliens coming in. The fee is paid by the steamship companies who add the amount to the passage money with the addition of fifty cents to pay them for their trouble. The diplomats did not object to the money but to the principle involved. They came to this country as representatives of their sovereigns and in theory while here are the guests of the United States. To assess this tax against them was obnoxious. Their office diplomats hold, suggests that they should be treated with consideration and Secretary Straus, believing the position was well taken, has done away with the time-honored practice.

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don't mean to say that he signed his own name?"

"No," she replied, "I don't mean that at all."

The letter written by Mrs. Thaw in 1904 and telling of her gay life in Paris with Harry Thaw and a "bunch from the tenderloin," was read to the jury by Jerome.

This brought out more testimony as to the "Dead Rat" a Parisian cafe. There seemed to be nothing in the witness's past life about which the prosecutor was not informed. He seemed to have been able to trace her every step, largely due, doubtless, to the typewritten statement of her mother which Jerome nearly always holds in his hand while hurling questions at the daughter. In single spaced typewriting the statement seems to cover fully 75 pages.

Springing of sensations did not rest all with the District Attorney. Delmas sent a genuine thrill through the court room by declaring that he had been informed it was the purpose of the District Attorney to indict Mrs. Thaw. Jerome denied any such statements

had been made, but did not deny purpose.

This incident came about near the close of the afternoon session when Jerome, in an effort to make the defense produce certain letters from Stanford White which Mrs. Thaw had declared were in possession of Clifford Hartridge, one of her husband's attorneys, called Hartridge to the witness stand. The lawyer declined to answer all the questions relating to the letters and when it became necessary for him to give him some better reason than the mere fact that he was attorney for the defendant, Delmas said Hartridge had been retained by Mrs. Thaw to protect her interests when she had heard that she was to be indicted.

During the afternoon, Mrs. Thaw declared that she was perfectly willing that the letters should be produced.

"They are your property are they not?" asked Jerome.

"No, I gave them to Thaw."

Jerome directed his assistant, Garvan, to have a subpoena issued for Hartridge. When this was done Jerome again demanded the letters. Hartridge said he had no intention of complying as he received the letters from the hands of the defendant. Jerome appealed to Justice Fitzgerald, but as he had neglected to have an affidavit made as to the service of the subpoena,

Justice Fitzgerald said there was nothing upon which he could act.

Garvan was directed by the chief to draw up the affidavit. There the matter rested.

Just after luncheon recess, the District Attorney wanted permission to discontinue the cross examination of Mrs. Thaw long enough to take the testimony of Drs. Dremar and Bingham, both of whom are to testify to traces of insanity in both branches of the defendant's family. Jerome said he was informed that the physicians were about to leave the jurisdiction of the court.

"They are returning to Pittsburgh tonight," said Hartridge. "But they will be back at any time they are wanted." Mrs. Thaw is under the most severe strain and her cross examination should be concluded at once."

Drs. Bingham and Demars were called to the stand and said they would stay if necessary.

Jerome insisted that their testimony be taken and Thaw's counsel insisted that the cross examination proceed.

Just before adjournment Jerome said he felt that the physicians would be available when wanted and asked for a recess over the holiday until Monday be taken. Counsel for defense consented. Mrs. Thaw again will be

on stand all Monday and possibly all Tuesday.

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