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DAY IS ONE OF ACTION

Routine Conferences With Officials and Commissions Consume No Little Time.

Washington, July 6.—Secretary of War Baker is one of the busiest men in the whole world. No other secretary of war has ever had so big a job. Stanton, the secretary under Lincoln, is his closest rival. But the size of this war makes it even a greater administrative task than the Civil war.

Each night a stenographer packs a brief case full of letters to be answered and documents requiring action. This package represents the overflow of work which is unfinished because the conferences of the day left no time for it.

Somewhere in Washington Next morning, at an unknown meeting place outside the State, War, and Navy building, Mr. Baker meets one of his stenographers, and together they plunge into this sea of papers. In former days they used to do this in an early hour in the secretary's office in the War building. But soon it became known that the secretary could be found in his private room at that time of day, and his seclusion was invaded. The only way to achieve absolute concentration was to arrange for another place of foregathering "somewhere in Washington," where telephones would not ring, and the knock of the bright-and-early visitor would not be heard upon the door.

Mr. Baker goes through this session with the thoroughness which marks everything he does. When the last long letter has been read and an answer dictated he rises from the littered desk. About 10 o'clock he walks into his office in the State, War and Navy building, with a manner as serene as if he had not already finished the equivalent of a day's work.

A Stationary Engine

Unlike the president, Secretary Baker does not begin his day with a round of golf or some other variety of exercise. Some months ago, Walter Camp came down to Washington with a mind full of anxiety for the health of the cabinet officers. He went around to Mr. Baker and tried to entice him into a pastime of gymnastics. He explained the benefits of ill-health, and the patriotic duty of a public official to swing clubs and pull chest weights. Mr. Baker listened politely, but he was not interested.

"I've been a stationary engine for 47 years," he told Camp. "I don't think, at this time of life, you'll be able to make a locomotive out of me."

From 10 until 1, the secretary is available for all his regular appointments. He makes it a rule to see everyone who has legitimate business, no matter who he may be. Practically every day he receives delegations from all parts of the country on scores of subjects. He listens courteously and always impresses people with his sincere interest in what they have to say. He uses the same tone in talking with the mother of a private that he uses with an ambassador. In his conferences with the newspaper men, which he holds daily, he treats all the correspondents alike, talks with them frankly, listens to their opinions, and tries to cooperate with them in the important work of telling the people what is going on in military circles, both here and abroad.

Congressmen Call in Morning

The first call of the day are usually congressmen, who come in between 10 and 11:30. The sessions on Capitol Hill convene at noon, and the senators and representatives are obliged to be back in their respective halls at that time. Following the legislators come the civilians and business men in private life. Frequently there are so many callers that it seems probable that some of them will have to be slighted. In such cases the secretary comes out of his private office through the stenographic room into the outer reception room, about 12 o'clock. There he finds his guests seated about on the brown divans that line the walls. He makes a complete tour of the room, listening to every story, and greets each a succinct and judicial answer. He has a rare faculty of thinking clearly under all circumstances. When he speaks he selects his words, carefully shading his meaning so as to say exactly what he wants to say in the precise way he wants it to be understood. He is never ambiguous. People leave him with a definite idea of what he thinks about the subject they have just presented.

Works Under Pressure

As soon as possible after 1 the secretary leaves his office and a machine taken him home to luncheon with Mrs. Baker and the three youngsters—Betty, aged 12, Jack, aged 11, and Peggy, who is 6 years old. Luncheon is a very informal meal, and within a minute Mr. Baker is back at the war building and ready for the afternoon engagements.

Every afternoon begins with an hour's conference with General Peyton C. March, chief of staff. Then come the other military appointments and the various staff and council meetings. On Tuesday and Friday afternoons there are cabinet meetings. On Wednesday a meeting of the war council, and on other days there are other conferences. In addition to his other duties as secretary of war, Mr. Baker is a member of many committees and commissions and also has much special work, such as the commission on training camp activities, the committee on public information, the president's commission, and the national adjustment commission.

Makes Important Decisions

He holds frequent conferences with the allied military commissions and frequently talks with ambassadors and representatives of foreign governments. Military as well as civil questions come to him daily for final decision. His "yes" or "no" decides the spending of hundreds of millions of dollars. At about 5:15 the afternoon's work is considered finished and the secretary goes home to dinner. Sometimes he has dinner engagements to fulfill, but he tries to curtail these as much as possible. When, as is sometimes the case, he is invited to speak at a banquet or at an evening gathering, he makes his address and then goes to be excused. By 8 he is back in his office. He spends the evening immersed in papers of state, sometimes dictating to some of his stenographers. There are five stenographers constantly at his call, and he is often forced to call in others from the general force of the department. About 11 he pushes aside the unfinished correspondence and the stenographer bundles it into the familiar brief case. Then he goes home, and it is supposed that he sleeps.

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JURY AWARDS MADE IN CONDEMNATION SUITS IN MARQUAM GULCH

Jewish Ladies' Endeavor Society Will Receive \$3606.25 for Lot 25 by 100 Feet.

A wide divergence of opinion on valuation between the city of Portland, which is seeking to condemn property in Marquam gulch for the purpose of establishing a park and playground, and the owners of the property which is to be condemned has been disclosed in the trial of the case already gone to judgment. Further difference of opinion was voiced by the jury that tried the case, in each instance the jury differing widely from both parties. The Jewish Ladies' Endeavor society demanded \$4500 for its property, a lot 25x100 feet and building. The city offered \$2000, and the jury awarded a verdict for \$3606.25. Joseph Rho asked \$2500 for his 50x100 foot lot and house. The city valued it at \$387. Rho recovered a verdict of \$1500. Luigi Capastoto thought his 25x100 lot and house worth \$4000. The city offered him \$515, and the jury gave him \$2300. A. L. Vessie and J. C. Vessie, owning two tracts, valued them at \$4500. The city thought them worth only \$1000. The jury returned a verdict for \$1950. Angelo Mazzocco, a janitor at the courthouse, was awarded \$1300 for a 50x100 foot lot and house which he said, with tears in his eyes, took him 23 years to build. The city placed on his property a valuation of only \$767.

DIVORCES ARE SOUGHT

Six Spouses Claim Incompatibility and Ask Marriage Ties Broken. Happy J. Walker files in suit for divorce filed in the circuit court Saturday afternoon that Mazie Walker, whom he married at Sacramento, Cal., January 5, 1910, too frequently obliged him to come and look after her for himself and their three-year-old son. He made a practice, he says, of giving his wife a blank check for her to fill in the amount to meet household needs. On one occasion she drew out his entire balance of \$200, he says. Later, he alleges, she began selling the furniture. Toward the end of their married life, he says, he went home one afternoon to find another man there. She became angry when he remonstrated, he asserts, and subsequently left with her son. He located her, he says, June 6, when she told him that she didn't like it and felt lonesome, to "beat it with the kid," which he did. Willis Hall alleges that Phoebe Hall indulged in numerous escapades and was arrested and imprisoned several times to his great humiliation. They were married at Montpelier, Idaho, November 27, 1914. Sue Moore charges Charles Edward Moore, whose real name, she says, is Redgrave, with cruelty. They were married at Vancouver, Wash., January 10, 1916. She asks to be allowed to use her maiden name, La Bard. Florence K. Hilliker wants a divorce from Halsey W. Hilliker to whom she was married at Montesano, Wash., January 15, 1916. He is a nagger, she says, and called her 10-year-old daughter a brat, and mused up her ironing once so she had to do it over again. She asks \$15 alimony. Louise Humphrey alleges that Bert Humphrey has been unfaithful and that he writes letters to a girl at Sacramento, Cal. They were married in this city July 24, 1909. Desertion is charged by Louise R. Kennedy against Harry Kennedy. They were married at Lind, Wash., December 28, 1908. He left her August 22, 1914, she alleges.

Six Divorces Granted

Presiding Judge Morrow signed six decrees of divorce Saturday afternoon, awarding the decree to the plaintiff in each case. Carl C. Eckstrom vs. Alice M. Eckstrom, married at Vancouver, Wash., April 10, 1916, desertion February 15, 1917. Cora Cooper vs. C. J. Cooper, cruelty, married at The Dalles in October, 1897. Marie Hall vs. Rodney Hall, cruelty, married at St. Emmer, 1910. Vivian Timbers vs. Bernard Timbers, cruelty, married at Cheyenne, Wyo., March 24, 1911. Florence S. Rock vs. George Edward Rock, desertion, married at Portland August 3, 1915, deserted five months later. C. W. Spencer vs. Annie Boudan Spencer, desertion, married at San Jose, Cal., June 6, 1904, deserted at Mollina July 10, 1913.

Record in Serving Of Summons Is Set

Damages Suits Filed by Men Deported From Tombstone Ask for Damages in Total of More Than \$4,000,000.

Tombstone, Ariz., July 6.—(U. P.)—It was a weary limbed bunch of deputy sheriffs that gathered at the sheriff's office this evening to report on their success on Cochise county's record day for summons serving. In all over 200 summons were given them for service in damage suits aggregating more than \$4,000,000, and with a few exceptions—such as ex-Sheriff Wheeler, who is in France—all were served. Six corporations—a railroad, four mines and a store and 14 individuals are defendants in the actions. Two hundred of the men deported during the I. W. W. mine strike last summer are plaintiffs. William B. Cleary of Bisbee, one of the plaintiff attorneys and a plaintiff also, asks \$50,000 actual and \$25,000 punitive damages. The other plaintiffs ask \$10,000 actual and \$10,000 punitive damages. Unlawful arrest and deportation is charged. Wheeler and other defendants were indicted by the federal grand jury in May as a result of the deportations.

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Advertisement for 'The Portland' restaurant, featuring 'At the End of the Road' and 'MOTORISTS bound for Portland anticipate the comforts of this hotel—the airy outside rooms, the good food, the hospitality.' Includes details about dining hours and location.

EXPERT IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE PENDLETON AS TO WATER SUPPLY

State Bacteriologist Beckwith Asked to Visit City to Help With Plans.

Pendleton, July 6.—To advise the city further as to the proper course in connection with the water problem, State Bacteriologist Beckwith of Corvallis has been requested to come to Pendleton and investigate the situation. The message to Professor Beckwith was sent Friday night by Judge Fee, city attorney. The owners of Bingham Springs are manifesting a readiness to meet the city's wishes and the only question now is as to procedure. It may be necessary for the resort to close down until the water emergency is over. Other alternatives are the drainage of the swimming pool to some other place than the river and third, the chemical treatment of the water. It is to secure expert advice on the subject that the state bacteriologist has been summoned.

French Walls Win Friends

Pendleton, July 6.—A second list of 43 fatherless children of France was received by the Pendleton committee recently and all have already been taken care of by friends in Pendleton and the county. The first list, received contained 63 names which were taken in three days' time, making 106 little French children now being cared for by Umatilla county people.

Advertising Club's Convention to Open

San Francisco, July 6.—The subject of advertising will not even be mentioned at Sunday afternoon's big inspirational mass meeting in the Hearst Greek theatre, in Berkeley, where the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World will hold its opening exercises. The meeting will be devoted to war talks and the promulgating of plans by which the advertising men can help the nation's fight. F. W. Kellogg, publisher of the San Francisco Call and Post, will preside. Large numbers of delegates have been arriving from all parts of the country Friday and today. The New York, New Orleans and St. Paul delegations are reported to be prepared to fight it out for next year's convention. Business sessions will open here Monday. President William C. D'Arcy of the clubs and Charles M. Schwab will be important speakers.

Benet Is Appointed Tillman's Successor

Columbia, S. C., July 6.—Governor Manning today appointed Christie Benet to serve the unexpired term of the late Senator B. R. Tillman. The election for a successor will be held in August, at which time former Governor Blease, it is generally conceded, will be elected.

BABY FUND IS APPRECIATED



Photograph sent by Henrietta, Duchess of Vendome, sister of King Albert of Belgium, autographed, in appreciation of funds raised by milk bottle methods for babies of Belgium and France.

The jingle of the pennies and nickels that drop into the 2000 milk bottles placed in Portland stores and theatres has been heard across the sea. In the midst of her work among the little children of Belgium and France whose fathers have been slaughtered by the Germans, Henrietta, Duchess of Vendome, sister of heroic King Albert of the Belgians, has paused to express her appreciation to the distant American city that gives for the relief of the hungry, fatherless little folks, by the milk-bottle route, at the rate of \$200 a day. The sign of the Duchess de Vendome's gratitude came Friday—her photograph, with the simple autograph, "Henriette." It was addressed to the mayor and came through the hands of Mrs. A. B. Spreckels of San Francisco, the Western branch of the commission for aid, civil and military, for France and Belgium, known abroad as the Aide Civile et Militaire Belge. The local advisory council of the com-

mission which directs the milk-bottle collections for the children of devastated France and Belgium consists of Mayor Baker, S. Benson, C. B. Waters, president of the Rotary club, Dr. G. H. Douglas and Edgar H. Sennreich, the last named serving as local treasurer.

The funds contributed through the milk-bottle method are disbursed in Belgium under the personal direction of the queen; in France by Madame Poincaré, wife of the president. Royalty in Belgium now, it is said, consists principally in the titles. The members of the royal family are devoting themselves to the relief and aid of their unfortunate people and are doing their work in a most plain and democratic way.

To give clear vision through automobile wind shields in stormy weather a canopy has been invented that can be hung over a portion of a shield when desired to keep snow and rain away.

R. B. STONE HIGH MAN IN CIVIL SERVICE TEST FOR CITY PATROLMAN

Thirty-Three Successful in Passing Examination; Names Are Made Public.

Results of the recent examination for patrolmen in the city police department have been announced by O. C. Bortmeyer, secretary of the civil service board. Of the 33 successful applicants, R. B. Stone won the highest honors with credits totaling 91.25. Following is the standing of the various candidates: R. B. Stone 91.25, J. V. Pike 81.20, A. L. Sherk 80.20, F. C. Kelly 80.50, W. S. Tully 81.50, L. W. Traver 81.70, T. Hirsch 81.70, L. E. Hess 81.50, W. A. Finn 81.50, T. J. Hewer 85, J. A. Walker 84.70, E. E. Scott 84.25, H. W. Green 83.20, J. E. Heath 81.50, W. B. Stiles 81.50, A. L. McCutcheon 81.20, John Arnold 81.5, M. Ramsey 80.85, J. Hartman 80.85, John Mekkers 80.20, E. R. Hall 79.75, S. C. Worrell 79.25, S. E. Miller 79.75, M. W. Nolan 79.75, W. J. Nelson 79.70, L. B. Giddings 79.50, A. C. Mulligan 79, C. B. Vincent 78.45, F. Van Atta 77.75, G. A. Simkins 77.45, F. W. Meadows 76.50, F. H. Wright 75.25, E. S. Droba 75.20.

Program Committee Appreciates Help

The Fourth of July program committee of the National League for Women's Service, consisting of Mrs. Alice Benson Beach, Mrs. E. H. McCollister, Miss Helen Farrell, Mrs. C. B. Simmons, Mrs. Sanford Large, Miss Mamie Helen Flynn and the Comrade's club of the national league, expressed cordial appreciation, yesterday, for service rendered by those who helped make the program of the final celebration at The Auditorium Thursday evening a success. Among those especially mentioned were Misha Pels, orchestra leader; the singers, dancers and musicians.

"The heartily given contribution was just another evidence of Portland's patriotism," said Mrs. Beach.

New Building at Lakeview

Lakeview, July 6.—Papers have been prepared for the incorporation of a realty holding company which proposes to build a new hotel and bank in this city. At a recent meeting of the stockholders in the new concern it was decided to modify plans for construction of the proposed new building to meet the heavy increase in the cost of labor and building material.

Offers Walnut Grove

Atlanta, Ga., July 6.—(I. N. S.)—Mrs. Lucy B. Ried, of De Kalb county, owner of several hundred acres of land on which are growing a number of walnut groves, has offered the government all the walnut timber to make gunstocks, asserting her willingness to let the government set its own price.

Large advertisement for Diamond tires, featuring the slogan 'SQUEEGEE TREAD TIRES' and 'Saving Millions of Dollars For Motorists'. Includes text about tire durability, cost savings, and contact information for The Diamond Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio.

Advertisement for Aronson's watches, featuring the slogan 'A TIME-METER FOR YOU!' and 'Every man, woman, boy and girl needs an accurate watch these strenuous days.' Includes details about diamond watches and contact information for Aronson's in Washington at Broadway.