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SECRETARY NORTON HAS CLEVER SCHEME

"LAME DUCK PARLOR" FOR CERTAIN CALLERS

New White House Arrangement Made Necessary by Numerous Applicants from Congressmen Who Did Not "Come Back"—Washington Gossip.

Washington, D. C.—They have changed the interior appointments of the white house—the internal architecture, so to speak—so as to provide a nice, comfortable substitute for the time-honored navigation of Salt river by politicians who didn't come back on November 8. One of the spacious corridors of the executive offices has been converted into an additional waiting room, to accommodate an astonishingly increased number of callers since the president's return from Panama.

Some astute individual discovered that about 99 per cent of this daily crowd who sought the presidential presence were "lame ducks" seeking some nice, soft berth to occupy after March 4. Although this is the open season for jobs, so many are the hunters and so keen the fervor of the chase, that the poor hunted berths are nearly all run to cover.

Naturally the white house is the preserve where the game is thickest. Energetic hunters frequent the executive offices faithfully. They do not intend to be far away when the president lets a job loose.

And so it happens that the list of waiting callers has been extraordinarily augmented during these last few weeks. A hundred or so job-hunters made a brave showing, but they have overcrowded the spacious reception rooms at the executive offices so that the patriots who have other business at the white house than chasing down vacancies on the government payroll get lost in the shuffle. The "jobbed" ones didn't like to rub elbows with the tentative jobless.

So Secretary Charles D. Norton decided on the architectural arrangement above described, in order to separate the sheep from the goats. Those who call to point out to the president their fitness for such-and-such a job, and to recall to his mind their varied services for the party, are herded into the new reception room—which is merely a corridor screened off from the vestibule, nicely decorated with chairs and green palms. This new room has come to be known definitely as "Lame Duck Alley."

Senator Thomas Carter of Montana, was the first of the clan of the soon-to-be-jobless to occupy the corridor. Senator Depew of New York, who will be succeeded by a democrat was another "lame duck" among the first to warm the leather on a chair in the alley.

Rep. Kennedy of Ohio, who was swirled out of place by that tidal wave of November 8, has been almost a daily called. Representative Cocks, who succumbed with Stimson in New York, has been on the job. Many other injured members have been much in evidence.

Bates Was Slandered. But the saddest blow of all came to Representative Arthur L. Bates, of the 25th Pennsylvania district "breezed" into the executive offices the other day, still thinking gratefully of the 1190 majority with which the constituents of his district had expressed their preference for him over a democrat.

"Sorry you weren't elected, Bates," was the greeting he received from a brother member.

"Yes, it was too bad," joined in another.

"I sympathize with you," added a third.

"But I was re-elected," replied the astonished Pennsylvanian.

"Well, all the news we've read was that you went down," they replied.

Bates was a bit put out that his 1190 majority hadn't attracted attention, but he went in to see President Taft.

"Bates, I certainly shall miss you next year," consoled the chief executive.

"It seems too bad to lose you."

"But, I am re-elected by 1190 majority," shouted Bates.

"Everywhere I go somebody sympathizes with me. I don't want any sympathy I want congratulations."

And when Bates emerged, he served notice on the doorkeepers that he would refuse to be seated in "Lame Duck Alley."

State Department Luxury.

If some young man, the son of poor but honest parents, has the qualifications for a diplomatic job and wants one, he probably can have it by applying to Secretary of State Knox and giving the necessary references. Secretary Knox has no objections to the rich. He himself can afford to maintain a city home, a country place and choose the livery of his coachman to match the color of his horses. But one must keep up appearances. Things have come to such a pass that the state department is rapidly developing into a target for hostile criticism as a plutocratic institution, not merely tinted, but smeared all over, with affluence, like Mr. Midas. To balance things, it is necessary to have a few young gentlemen who can consistently take up the high cost of living cry and give the touch of healthy democracy to this executive department, which is on the verge of being engulfed with luxury. The strain of trying to look poor is rapidly becoming too great for the state department officials to bear.

As things stand now—not mentioning the diplomats in the foreign service, who are guilty of being enormously wealthy—there are a goodly number of offenders of this character, right here at home. The secretary himself can afford to choose between the automobile and the horse, Assistant Secretary Wilson, when in need of relaxation, can run over to New York and jump on the Lusitania.

Third Assistant Chanler Hale is not pinched with penury either.

But listen, how things have changed even in the lower ranks.

Hugh Gibson, secretary to the assistant secretary, who ranks as a secretary of embassy on the diplomatic list, works eighteen hours out of twenty-four. When anything is wanted, Gibson gets it. If it is necessary to do some overtime work, the poor government clerk, who gets down at nine o'clock, goes home, and Gibson, who is usually on the job at 7:30, says and does it. When he gets twenty minutes off for luncheon, Gibson rushes over to the Metropolitan club, and bolts a wretched pheasant, or bit of quail, and hurried back to the grind again.

Another recent addition to the department's force is Arthur Orr, of Evanston, who was a secretary at the London embassy before he came to Washington as assistant to the chief of the bureau of information. Orr tried hard to hide his iniquity. For months he was not even suspected except by his Russian cigarettes, which are imported especially for him. But the ter-r-rible truth came out at last. Orr, in a fit of recklessness, rented a house next to that of Secretary Knox, and wheeled up and down the avenue in his limousine, within sight of the secretary's drawing room windows. It is true that most of his wheeling was done in the early morning, when he was hurrying to work, or late at night, when he was coming home, but it is a large car, none the less, and the indictment stands. Both Orr and Gibson, when they have any leisure, which is seldom, walk up the street like anybody else, but all this is a mere sham intended to deceive the public. Huntington Wilson has even been known to ride in an ordinary taxicab.

So there you are. This is the problem that Secretary Knox has on his hands. There are openings for the poor young man, but the poor young man will not avail himself of the opportunities. He fights shy of a diplomatic career. The idea that a poor man cannot afford to take up diplomacy is spreading. It is a situation for the great American public to ponder. Think how discouraging it is for the poor farmer, who has gone back to spend a month or two of the summer at his old home in Europe to be obliged to place himself under the protection of the millionaire who represents his country.

A new national holiday is proposed in a bill now in the committee on judiciary of the house of representatives that, if adopted, will make April 25 of every year a day of general jubilation.

The bill proposes the setting aside of that date for doing honor to the name "America," as the cognomen of the continent. Plans for national, state and civic celebrations each year are included in the measure which is a lengthy document, outlining the means by which the name America was given to the continent, the voyages of discovery of Americus Vesputi, the Italian explorer.

Representative Hamill, of New Jersey, the author of the bill declares it will fill a long felt want. He says that the whole continent of America from Hudson's Bay to the Isthmus of Panama would join in celebrating the day.

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