

BANKER IN SMALL TOWN IS CLOSEST FRIEND OF DAWES

(By NFA Service)
MARIETTA, O., June 17.—When Vice-President Charles G. Dawes dropped into this peaceful Ohio river town recently to attend a reunion of his Marietta college classmates, the citizenry made a great to-do about him.

Flags draped the streets and crowds flocked to see the return of the town's most famous son.

But when the tumult and the shouting had died, the vice-president could be seen in earnest, familiar conversation with W. W. Mills, Marietta's leading banker.

And thereby hangs a tale.

It seems to be a rule of American public life that a prominent man must have an intimate friend from whom he can get counsel and advice.

Wilson had Colonel House, Harding had Ed McLean, Coolidge has Frank W. Stearns.

And so Dawes has W. W. Mills.

Mills Knows in Advance.

Mills, for example, was the only man in the country who knew in advance that Dawes' inaugural speech was going to drop a bomb shell into the colored precincts of the United States senate.

Dawes had consulted with him about the speech before presenting it.

Mills had said, "Damn the torpedoes; go ahead," or words to that effect.

Mills was also on the inside of an earlier official Washington—the time when he loosed a bit of unexpurgated army language on a congressional committee investigating the doings of the A. E. F.

"He did it deliberately," says the banker.

Publicly Not Gaining.

"His idea was to gain cheap publicity. He simply wanted to blow up the whole pettifoggery investigation. And he succeeded."

Now it has been reported, by political writers and others, that Dawes doesn't want to be a vice-president all his life.

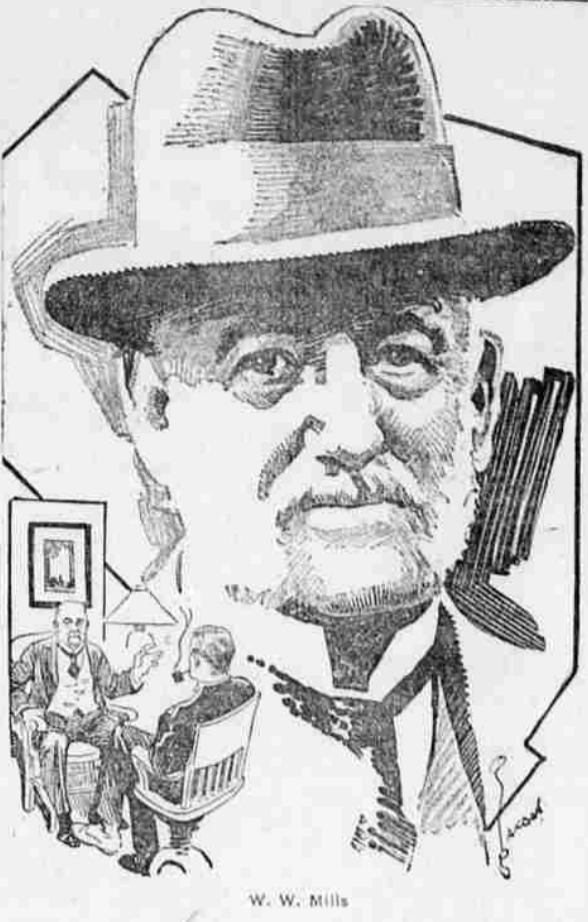
It has been whispered, rather loudly, that he has one eye cocked on the White House.

If there is one man in the country who knows whether Dawes will run for president, it is Mills.

And if Dawes does run, it is a safe bet that Mills will be closer to him during the campaign than any other man.

But Mills isn't saying.

HERE IS DAWES' CLOSE FRIEND



OLD CRAFT COMING TO END AS CARRIER

LIVERPOOL, June 17.—(AP)—The last masted steel bark Buckingham, known in ports throughout the world as "The Queen's Ship," which was taken over by the United States Shipping Board during the war and sold at a cost of \$270,000, has had all the wind taken out of her once proud sails, and is to end her days in placid waters.

The passing of the old windjammer, the only merchant vessel ever christened by Queen Victoria, was announced recently in Seahouses, a Liverpool shipping magazine.

According to advice received here from Newcastle, New South Wales, the bark has been at Double Bay since December, 1922, and has now been purchased by the Warratah Coal company of that port. The sale price was \$10,000.

The Buckingham has had a romantic career since her launching here 36 years ago. She was one of the earliest steel sailing vessels of the modern type to sail the seven seas, and was known from Halifax to Puget Sound, in Honolulu, the Orient, and the South seas. She is of 2,900 tons gross and her figurehead for many years was that of a beautifully carved image of Queen Victoria. At the christening the queen broke a bottle of wine against a statue representing her own person.

DEPARTMENT RENT RUNNING VERY HIGH

WASHINGTON, June 17.—(AP)—A Department of agriculture officials are hopeful that the next Congress will authorize continuance of the department's building program begun in 1903, and thus permit construction of its activities under fewer roofs. At present the department uses 45 buildings scattered to the four corners of Washington, one of them six miles from the administration office.

For 26 of the buildings the department pays rent totalling \$183,500 annually. For the eight-story structure housing part of the bureau of agricultural economics and biological survey, \$35,300 rent is paid, while another eight-story building used by the forest service costs \$35,000 yearly.

The smallest rented building is a carpenter shop hidden in an alley in the center of Washington and for which \$270 is paid annually. The shop stands next to a brick stable in which Wilkes Booth is said to have slept and stabled his horse the night before he shot President Lincoln. The stable is used now by the war department.

In 1903, during the term of office of Secretary Wilson, construction was begun of a building to house administrative offices of the department. Two L-shaped wings were completed and occupied in March, 1908. Before the central connecting unit could be

Labor Groups are Asking Transport

GENEVA, June 17.—(AP)—The International Labor Conference, endeavoring to give workers the undisturbed enjoyment of their spare time, has recommended that public and private transport authorities cooperate with workers' organizations to the end that the laborer be moved to his job, and home again, as quickly as possible.

It has been shown that the frequency of illness and accidents increases with the distance of the workers' homes from the works, and that this frequency was at its maximum for those workers whose homes were furthest away.

Ford Runs 43.8 Miles on Gallon of Gas

A little thermostatic device, called the Blanche Thermostatic Automatic Carburetor Control, has been discovered which official public tests prove doubles the mileage per gallon of gas on any Ford. Cadillac now uses thermostatic carburetor control under Blanche license. The inventors, A. C. Blanche & Co., Dept. 3479H, 602 W. Lake St., Chicago, want agents and will send a sample control at their own risk to anyone writing for their Guaranteed Free Trial Offer.

Soviet has Motor Test for Builders

LONDON, June 17.—(AP)—European representatives of American automobile companies are watching with interest preliminary for this year's international motor trials to be held in August under auspices of the Soviet government. While it is not likely that any cars made in the United States will participate, it is quite probable that several Americans will be on hand to make note of what transpires, so as to be able to report to their respective factories.

A committee has been formed in London to arrange for British participation, the chief object of which is to test the suitability of foreign made cars in Russia and to familiarize potential purchasers with types of motor cars at present not well known in the Soviet Republic. Automobile dealers of France and Germany are also planning to take part.

Iceland Must not Have Paris Gowns

REKJAVIK, Iceland, June 17.—(AP)—Fashionable Icelandic women have had to buy new Easter models from Paris this year, and the modish young girls will not be able to import any of the flapping Oxford trousers, so much commented on in England. This is because for two years Iceland is not to bring in any ready-made clothing. Shoes and all sorts of fabrics also are on the prohibited list.

Essentially all luxuries and many necessary articles have been placed on the prohibited list in an effort to stimulate the Icelandic crown. Bread, butter, margarine, cheese, salt meat, pork sausage, eggs, fruit leather, powder, soda, soap, furniture, films, watches, clocks, motorcycles, automobiles and scores of other articles may not be brought into the country.

Japan is reducing the number of vessels in all her naval arsenals.

USEFUL FURNITURE TO BE TAKEN FROM WHITE HOUSE ATTIC

WASHINGTON, June 17.—(AP)—A program for renovation of the White House this spring affords Mrs. Coolidge her first real opportunity to dress the executive mansion up to her tastes.

Congress has appropriated \$50,000 for the repair of the house, but most of this will be spent in renovating the decorations and furnishings, and practically all of the work will be done on the first floor in the semi-public rooms.

While Mrs. Coolidge will have the choice of materials, it is believed she will follow custom and retain the standards in colors and designs established for these rooms by Mrs. Roosevelt.

Operations in the beginning will be centered on the Green Room, which, succumbed to the fashions of the sun several years ago and faded to a jaundiced brown. The Red and Blue Rooms are in comparatively good condition and slight changes will be made in them. Some upholstering will be done, and the rugs changed.

Other funds will be expended on modernizing the elevator, remodeling the plumbing and vacuum cleaner system, painting the floors and replacing rugs in many rooms, including the President's study.

Mrs. Coolidge already is rivaling her husband's fame for economy. Practically no new furniture has been bought by her, but recently she visited the White House store house and resurrected two pieces which had been discarded. One was a table, inset with brass inlaid pieces, one of which was missing. This piece was restored and Mrs. Coolidge has been complimented several times by visitors on the result.

She also picked in the store house an old fashioned comfortable chair, bearing a tag which identified it as "President Jackson's chair." It is now in the President's study.

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Masons Soon Will Call Temple Bids

Plans and specifications for the new Masonic temple of the Eugene lodge which will be erected at the northwest corner of Tenth avenue west and Olive street are nearing completion and bids on the project are expected to be called for soon, according to announcement today of F. M. Hathaway, chairman of the building committee. It is hoped that excavation work will be under way on the building within the next 30 days judging by present progress. Lawrence, Holford and Bean, Portland architects are preparing the plans and specifications for the temple.

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