

CAPTAIN PIPER HERE INTEREST ESSAY CONTEST

Captain Dean I. Piper of Camp Lewis is in the city for a few days in the interest of the National School Essay Contest and while here is making his headquarters at the army recruiting station at 123 East Main street. The captain is taking on the work that was started here about a week ago by Capt. Doer, who was suddenly called to Portland before his work was finished here. Captain Piper reports that the Essay contest is marked by much enthusiasm throughout the country.

The Medford Business college desired to give their pupils an opportunity to participate in the contest, but as schools of their class were not permitted to participate, the college donated a prize in the way of a three month's scholarship in its training school which is good at either the day or evening sessions. This is a very valuable addition to the many other local prizes offered by business houses, individuals and others.

HALL MOTOR CO. MOVES INTO NEW BUSINESS BLOCK

Owing to their large increase in business the Seely V. Hall Motor Co., have been compelled to move in larger quarters. Their new location is the building formerly occupied by the Enders Grocery Co., opposite the Medford Furniture Co.

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I AM GUILTY SAYS LANE

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"There is nothing in the constitution which prohibits members of the president's cabinet from meeting and discussing any departmental matter. If we accept the president's construction of the constitution, it would be a violation therefore for two of the secretaries to hold a conference in the absence of the president.

"Mr. Lansing has faithfully served Mr. Wilson during both of his terms as president, and in due consideration of his rights I think the president should have asked for his resignation on the ground that they did not agree on the policies to be pursued by the state department and not to have dismissed him in this harsh way."

County Assessor.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the re-nomination to the office of County Assessor for Jackson county, by the Republican party of the primary election May 21st, 1920.

J. B. COLEMAN.

SECY LANSING RESIGNS

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mission, before the senate foreign relations committee.

The Bullitt Controversy.

Bullitt, as will be recalled, reading from a diary, quoted Secretary Lansing as having told him he was out of sympathy with the League of Na-

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tions' covenant and as presiding that the treaty would fail if the American people ever learned of its full import.

Mr. Lansing, obviously in a very difficult position, did not recant Bullitt's statements although it was momentarily expected in Washington that he either would repudiate them or resign his office. President Wilson was at the time on his smelting tour in the west. To say that he was upset by Bullitt's story and his qualifications of the secretary of state puts it mildly. Ordinarily in the president's early who know the workings of the president's mind expected to see the secretary's resignation called for when the president returned to Washington. These same officials believe now that the breakdown which sent the president home a very sick man was the only thing that prevented it.

Not on Speaking Terms.

Mr. Lansing, however, never saw the president again, and did all his business with the chief executive in writing. The relations between the men remained very much strained and then Mr. Lansing's action in calling the cabinet together brought them to the breaking point.

Those who were present at the first cabinet meeting describe a rather tense and dramatic scene. Congress was full of rumors that the president was so disabled as to be constitutionally unable to discharge the functions of his office. There was talk of what might be done to place Vice President Marshall at the head of the government and how congress might go about doing it. Nobody knew the full extent of the president's illness. It had not then become known that he had virtually lost the use of his left arm and leg through an accumulation of blood in one of the arteries of his brain. There were even ugly rumors that the president might not be in possession of all of his faculties. Some senators were even contemplating some action to find out whether we have a presi-

dent or not," as one of their number put it. These ugly stories were, of course, all disposed of and shown to be pure and unfounded gossip by the later developments, but they were being circulated and widely credited last November when the cabinet assembled for its first conference at the call of Secretary Lansing.

Lansing Had Precedent.

The secretary of state, it should be said, believed he was supported by precedent in calling the cabinet together. Looking on the historical record he found it had been done when President Garfield lay ill for weeks after having been shot by an assassin and that it had been done before that when President Taylor had a long illness and ultimately was succeeded by Vice President Fillmore.

The Wilson cabinet assembled the first day with a feeling of apprehension, for none of the members knew the extent of the president's illness but expected to be informed of it. Secretary Tamm had informed the president that Mr. Lansing had called the cabinet together and the president, somewhat disturbed, gave his personal physician a message to deliver to the secretaries.

The secretaries assembled at their usual places that day and Mr. Lansing sent for Dr. Grayson. The president's chair at the head of the table was left vacant until the physician arrived and he was asked to occupy it.

Dr. Grayson, Secretary Lansing is reported to have said by those who were present, "we wish to know the nature and extent of the president's illness and whether he is able to perform the duties of his office, so that we may determine what shall be done to carry on the business of the government."

Grayson, President's Messenger.

The president's physician is quoted by some of the other secretaries as having replied in substance: "The president is doing as well as could be expected; he is in full possession of all his faculties, and he has directed me to inquire of you by what authority this meeting of the cabinet was called, what business is before it and what business might be transacted at a cabinet meeting without his participation."

According to the story told at the time, Secretary Lansing had no opportunity to reply because some of the other members stepped into the breach and asked Dr. Grayson to say to the president that the only purpose of the meeting was to inquire as to the state of his health and send some message of loyalty and encouragement. At that point the meeting broke up without having transacted any business, but it did not end the so-called cabinet conferences.

It has not been made plain whether President Wilson knew since then that the cabinet members had been assembling and talking over inter-departmental affairs, but the meetings have been held in the cabinet room in the executive offices and if the president did not know, it was probably because those surrounding him did not think it wise to tell him.

The best opinion of those "on the inside" is that the president did not know until last week of the regularity with which the cabinet was meeting at the call of the secretary of state because at about the time at which the president's first letter to Mr. Lansing is dated, the White House officers "let it be known" that the president had ended the cabinet conferences and there was an infor-

mation that he might preside at the next one himself.

There was however, no hint that the ending of the meetings marked a separation between Mr. Wilson and Mr. Lansing.

Secrets Come Out.

Now that the break has come and Mr. Lansing has left the cabinet, much may be revealed of the extent to which the secretary of state and the president differed in matters of policy. Quite aside from the differences at the peace conference, there were other differences in foreign policy and some of Mr. Lansing's friends say he would have left his office some time ago but for the fact that he wished to spare the president an upheaval in his official family at a time when Europe was watching the fight over the treaty in America and especially when the president was ill and unable to look after the affairs of the state department himself.

Wilson Own Secy. of State.

Mr. Lansing became head of the state department when William J. Bryan and the president had their difference over the Lusitania notes. Mr. Lansing was counselor an office in which he succeeded John Bassett Moore. It has been common knowledge that while Mr. Lansing's name was signed to the succeeding notes to Germany and the notes which preceded the armistice, Mr. Wilson himself wrote them, in fact, he practically acted as secretary of state in all important business. It was the president's conception of his relation to the foreign policy of the nation.

How much Mr. Lansing and the president differed on the Mexican policy never has been fully revealed, but officials who sympathize with Mr. Lansing's views say that they differed a great deal. It has generally been believed in official circles here that the sharp notes which Mr. Lansing sent to Carranza in connection with the Jennings case are what the president referred to in his letter to the secretary when he spoke of the secretary of state having taken action to forestall his judgment. It is known, however, that Henry Prather Fletcher, former ambassador to Mexico, who recently resigned, wrote a letter to the president in which he exhorted the administration's Mexican policy, and the general belief in the state department is that Mr. Lansing and M. Fletcher agreed pretty generally. Mr. Fletcher's letter of resignation never has been given out at the White House. But aside from his difficulties with the president, it has been common knowledge in Washington that Mr. Lansing has not been on good terms with Secretary Tamm and from time to time there have been apparently well grounded reports of friction with Secretaries Baker and Daniels.

Tamm Says Nothing.

In the senate foreign relations committee, where Mr. Lansing was in frequent touch with senators, he is regarded as a trained diplomat. Senators remarked when Bullitt gave his sensational testimony that they regretted it very much on Lansing's account.

Secretary Lansing gave out the correspondence between himself and the president last night and stipulated that it was for publication in morning papers today. Some news agencies, however, other than the Associated Press, violated their pledges to the state department and published the letters in some parts of the country yesterday afternoon.

There will be no more resignations from the cabinet as a result of the Lansing incident, it was said at the White House today.

"I am not going to discuss the Lansing-Wilson controversy—the letters speak for themselves," Secretary Tamm said.

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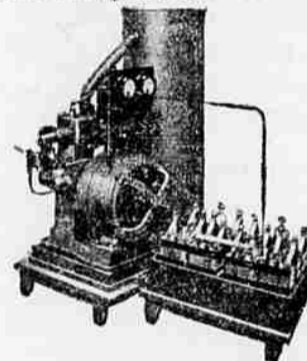
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