

HARDING'S CABINET IS NOW COMPLETE

HOOVER AND DAVIS ARE APPOINTED

Former Food Administrator and Ex-steel Worker of Pennsylvania Are Virtually Chosen for Secretaries of Commerce and Labor — Navy Post Given Denby.

The Cabinet Complete  
The new cabinet as selected by President-elect Harding will be:  
Secretary of state—Charles Evans Hughes, New York.  
Secretary of the treasury—Andrew Mellon of Pennsylvania.  
Secretary of war—John W. Weeks of Massachusetts.  
Attorney-general—Harry M. Daugherty of Ohio.  
Postmaster general—Will H. Hays of Indiana.  
Secretary of the navy—Edwin Denby of Michigan.  
Secretary of the interior—A. B. Fall of New Mexico.  
Secretary of agriculture—Henry Wallace of Iowa.  
Secretary of commerce—Herbert Hoover of California.  
Secretary of labor—James J. Davis of Pennsylvania.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 22.—(By Associated Press.) President-elect Harding completed his cabinet late today by virtual selection of Edwin Denby of Detroit as secretary of the navy. The choice was the first big surprise among the cabinet selections, Mr. Denby's name never having appeared in newspaper speculation in connection with the navy post. He is an attorney and a former member of congress and has served as an enlisted man in war time in both the navy and marine corps.

It is understood a formal tender and acceptance are to be exchanged, but Mr. Denby is regarded by those close to Mr. Harding as virtually certain to take the place.

There were also growing indications today that the virtual selection of Herbert Hoover of California to be secretary of commerce and James J. Davis of Pennsylvania to be secretary of labor soon would be definitely fixed, putting the complete cabinet in its final form.

A Chinese Expert.  
Mr. Denby, who was drawn into the cabinet situation as a dark horse, after former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, declined to be considered for the navy portfolio, is 59 years old and has an intimate knowledge of Far Eastern affairs in addition to his naval experience. He went to China in 1885 with his father, who served there as an American minister and later he spent ten years in the Chinese maritime customs service.

Returning to the United States in 1897, Mr. Denby served as a gunner's mate in the American navy during the war with Spain and at the age of 47 was a sergeant in the marine corps during the world war. He was a representative in the 59th, 60th, and 61st congresses, making a particular study of naval affairs as a member of the naval committee.

Hoover May Decline  
NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Herbert Hoover has not been asked to become a member of President-elect Harding's cabinet and his friends believe the department of commerce offers no such field for service as the public institutions with which he is now connected, said a statement issued here today by George Barr Baker, identified with Mr. Hoover in relief work.

"Mr. Hoover had hoped," said Mr. Baker, "that as soon as the funds for child relief were secured he could turn some of his attention toward his own profession of engineering, as he is not a rich man and does not feel that he can continue indefinitely to give his entire time to public service. In fact, I know that he has had negotiations to this end."

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Herbert Hoover of California and James J. Davis of Pennsylvania, virtually have been chosen for President-elect Harding's cabinet, leaving open but one

Attempt Destruction Jap Property in Los Angeles With Bombs

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 22.—Two alleged attempts to destroy by the use of phosphorus bombs buildings occupied by Japanese have been made here in the last two weeks, according to a report by Captain E. H. Enos of the bureau of fire prevention.

The report also contains the statement that Japanese have asked the federal department of justice to investigate and have considered asking the Japanese consul here to take protective action.

Captain Enos stated that the alleged attempts to destroy the property were unsuccessful, "merely as the result of lucky chance," as in each case passers-by discovered the fire and notified the fire department in time to extinguish it before material damage was done.

The officer said he believed arrests would be made soon.

INCOME TAX IN OREGON AWAITS LEGAL DECISION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Right of the government to the collection of millions of dollars in surtaxes in seven states, treasury officials said today, hinges on the decision to be rendered by the attorney general on the division of property between husband and wife for income tax purposes under the community laws. In Idaho, Nevada, California, Washington, Oregon, Louisiana and New Mexico, officials explained, a certain portion of the property acquired after marriage is held in common. Therefore, under a joint income tax return by husband and wife, the surtax would apply on the total income, but if they are permitted to divide the property in making their return as husband and wife, the income subject to surtax also would be divided and the total surtax considerably lessened.

As an example, it was shown, the surtax on a 50,000 income is \$5,510, but if husband and wife under community laws could divide that income into two parts, the two surtaxes chargeable would be \$1,310 each.

Instructions to collectors in the states will be issued when the attorney general's opinion is made known, officials said, probably this week.

3 SMALL FIRES IN CITY EXTINGUISHED

A workman at work on repairing the roof of the Knight company packing house on Front street early Monday afternoon accidentally set fire to the roof, and a hole about four feet square was burned but was extinguished before the fire department reached the scene.

There were two small fires Sunday, the first one being at the McCurdy home on West Main street, to which the fire department was summoned. Little damage was caused. A half hour later Fire Chief Lawton, who has a good nose for fires but a poor one for news, was driving along East Main street when he smelled a burning flue somewhere. He stopped and went nosing around until he discovered that a flue on the roof of the Crowson confectionery was on fire unbeknown to any one in the confectionery. No alarm was turned in, but the chief extinguished the fire.

WAR DECLARED BY MONTENEGRO

LONDON, Feb. 22.—A wireless message from Berlin today says that according to Swiss reports the Montenegrians have declared a holy war against the Serbians. Two Serbian regiments have occupied Cetinje, Montenegro and the situation is grave, the message says.

AVIATOR IS KILLED, AIR MAIL RACE

Capt. W. W. Lewis, Participant in Coast-to-Coast Air Flight, Falls In Tail Spin at Elko, Nevada—Was About to Be Married — Coney Forced to Land in Texas.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—Captain W. F. Lewis, air mail service pilot on the Reno to Salt Lake leg, in the attempt to establish a record for rapid delivery between San Francisco and New York was killed today at Elko, Nev., when his plane fell, according to advices received here. Captain Lewis was piloting one of the two planes which left San Francisco at 4:30 a. m. He took charge of the plane at Reno. The message to all mail service headquarters here said that Captain Lewis' machine, in taking off from Elko, went into a tail spin and crashed to the ground. His altitude was not given in the message.

According to air mail officials here Captain Lewis had served in the American air forces during the world war and had been in the air mail service a trifle less than two months, flying usually between Reno and Elko.

The message to air mail service today Captain Lewis' safe arrival at Elko from Reno with the mail. He transferred to another machine, which fell with him.

Miss M. E. Bryant of this city, cashier of the bureau of war risk insurance said that she was the fiancée of Captain William E. Lewis, air mail pilot killed at Elko, Nev. She is living at a hotel here with a girl friend, both of whom were prostrated by the news of Lewis' death.

About to Be Married  
RENO, Nev., Feb. 22.—Captain William E. Lewis, who was killed at Elko this morning while attempting to lower the time of aerial mail delivery between San Francisco and New York, engaged an apartment here last night upon his arrival from the east preparatory to his wedding to Miss M. E. Bryant of San Francisco, early next month, friends of the pilot stated today.

Lewis' ship went into a tail spin after "turning flat" during the take-off at Elko this morning and crashed to earth. The pilot was killed instantly, according to the advices received here.

Lewis had been in the mail service since early in January. He was an army flier, having enlisted during the early stages of the war at Chicago, and was stationed most of the time in the Hawaiian islands. Before the war Lewis was an electrical engineer. He was about 38 years old and lived in San Francisco.

HAZELHURST, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Two airplanes, each carrying 250 pounds of mail, left Hazelhurst field today for San Francisco, piloted by E. M. Leonard and E. M. Allen. They expect to reach the Pacific coast in 36 hours.

Reports to postal officials here said that Leonard was forced by misty weather to alight near Dubois, Pa., but plans to continue to Cleveland tomorrow.

Allen, it was reported, reached Cleveland at 12:15 o'clock and was relieved by Pilot W. J. Smith, who continued the western flight in another machine.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 22.—An air mail plane which left San Francisco this morning arrived here at 12:38 o'clock. The plane is one participating in the night and day flight test to New York.

Coney Forced to Land  
DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 22.—Lieutenant William D. Coney, trans-continental flier was forced to earth at Bronco, Coke county, Texas, early today by engine trouble, according to a report received at Love Field. It said the aviator, who was attempting a Pacific to Atlantic coast flight, was not injured.

Japanese Sentry Who Killed U. S. Officer Declared Not Guilty

TOKIO, Feb. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—A finding of not guilty has been rendered by the court martial which tried Toohigara Ogasawara, the sentry who shot Lieutenant Langdon of the U. S. S. Albany, at Vladivostok last December. It was officially announced by the war department today. The trial was on the charge of accidental murder.

Tokio, Feb. 21.—Commenting on the suspension from active service of Major General Nishihara, commander of the sentries of the 22nd brigade as a result of the official investigation of the shooting of Lieutenant Langdon of the American cruiser Albany, the semi-official Kokusai News agency says today it is understood to mean General Nishihara was held responsible for lack of precautions in not giving fuller instructions regarding the duties of a sentry under the special conditions prevailing in Vladivostok.

G. WASHINGTON IS HONORED BY ENGLISH ENVOY

R. L. Craigie, British Charge d'Affaires, Chief Speaker at Mount Vernon Ceremony—Anglo-American Friendship Is Particularly Stressed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Although all government executive departments were closed in observance of Washington's birthday today, congress, facing crammed legislative calendars with adjournment only ten days off, remained in session. In both senate and house, however, business was suspended long enough to permit the customary reading on the floor of Washington's farewell address.

Ceremonies at Mount Vernon today included the laying of a wreath on Washington's tomb by R. L. Craigie, British charge d'affaires in behalf of the British branch of the English speaking union.

Addressing members of the American branch who participated in the ceremonies, Mr. Craigie declared no man more than Washington would approve the work of the union, "in striving to promote good fellowship and understanding among the English-speaking democracies of the world."

The act of the British fleet in lowering its flags to half mast at the news of Washington's death, Mr. Craigie said, was typical of British sentiment of deep admiration and respect for the American patriot, which he said "had been growing yet stronger with the passing of time."

In connection with the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of its founding, George Washington university today conferred honorary degrees upon more than a score of public officials and distinguished men and women. Julia Marlowe, famous Shakespearean actress and wife of E. H. Sothern, received the honorary degree of doctor of letters.

Others receiving honorary degrees were J. J. Jusserand, ambassador from France; Senator Don Beltham Mathley, ambassador from Chile; Senator Rolando Rieci, newly appointed ambassador from Italy; Senator George H. Moses of New Hampshire; Senator Key Pittman of Nevada; George Sutherland, former senator from Utah, doctor of laws; Mrs. Francis Parkinson Keyes, wife of Senator Keyes of New Hampshire, doctor of letters.

BIG OIL STRIKE IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 22.—The ministry of agriculture today announced that Oil Well No. 123 in the Comodoro Rivadavia district, just completed, was flowing at more than 20,000 barrels a day. This well, in a new producing section, has broken all records for production in Argentina.

JACKSON TO LOSE JOINT DELEGATION

State Reapportionment Bill, as Amended by House Leaves Senatorship Unchanged, but Takes Half Representative From Jackson—Governor's Salary Is Increased.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—The reapportionment bill, passed by the senate late yesterday afternoon with scarcely a word of discussion found its way into the house last night. At 12:15 o'clock this morning an amended bill had been passed by the house. As amended and passed by the house, the bill provides that only one change will be made in the senatorial districts of the state and by that change Curry county would be taken from the joint Coos and Curry district and linked with Josephine county.

The changes in the representative districts would be effected by taking one-half a representative from Marion, one-half from Linn, one from Douglas and Jackson and one from Washington, making a total of three representatives to be distributed. These would be divided to give Multnomah one additional representative and the other two would be assigned to the southeastern districts of the state, one to be given to the Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Lake, Klamath and Grant district and one to the Harney and Malheur district, which would be split into two separate districts with one representative to each county.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—Senators Hume and Thomas early today introduced a concurrent resolution calling for adjournment sine die of the legislature at 6 p. m. today. Senator Hume endeavored to have the resolution adopted at once, but Rankin moved that it be referred to the committee on resolutions, declaring that there was much work to be done and no certainty that adjournment could be reached by six o'clock. The motion carried.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—With seven members voting contrary, the senate late yesterday passed the Lachmund bill to increase the salary of the governor from \$5,000 to \$7,500 a year.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—Among measures to be voted on at the special election in June will be a referendum on the bill providing women as well as men must submit to examination before obtaining marriage license.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—With four dissenting votes the house late yesterday approved the co-operative marketing bill which passed the senate several days ago.

Gas Tax One Cent  
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—An additional tax of one cent a gallon on gasoline used by motorists in Oregon to be applied to the retirement of state highway bonds would be collected under the provisions of a bill passed by the house today. The bill now goes to the senate.

Under the provisions of this bill, introduced by the joint committee on roads and highways commission it is estimated that the state will receive approximately \$375,000 additional revenue annually.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—The house this morning pulled the purse strings more tightly and killed a bill providing for a readjustment of the salaries of district attorneys throughout the state.

Salary increases granted by the house included tax commissioner to \$3000; state engineer to \$3500 and state forester to \$3400.

Increase Salaries  
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—Upon reconsideration the senate yesterday passed a bill introduced by Senator Ryan to increase the salary of the state printer from \$2400 to \$3000 a year. The bill was indefinitely postponed last Wednesday.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—The senate yesterday passed a bill allowing each member of the public service commission \$800 annually, in addition to his salary of \$4000 because of additional duties under the grain inspection department. The bill was introduced by the committee on railroads and utilities.

Tong War Breaks Out Again, Aged Chinese Fisherman Is Killed

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—Li Leong, aged Chinese fisherman was shot and killed early today in what the police say is the first definite outbreak here of the state-wide war between the Bing Kong and Hop Sing gangs. He was a Bing Kong man. A Hop Sing man is being sought.

Five bullets were sent into Li Leong's head as he slept in a rooming house. His slayer was seen running through a maze of corridors.

The police have evidence that the slayer was sent from either San Jose or Los Angeles to avenge a Hop Sing death.

The police have threatened a blockade of Chinatown which will virtually make a prisoner of every Chinese in the district.

HARVARD COLLEGE BOYS LOYAL TO WILSON'S IDEALS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—President Wilson in an address today to a delegation from the Woodrow Wilson club of Harvard university whom he received at the White House declared he would bend his efforts to the last in supporting the cause of world peace.

To the group of six Harvard undergraduates whom he received in the company of Mrs. Wilson in his study, the president said he would leave to historians the task of interpreting the events of the Paris peace conference.

Declaring that if he ever devoted himself again to writing it would be along impersonal lines. The president said he most preferred to spend the remainder of his days in advancing the cause of world peace and to that end he would give his whole strength and time.

Robert C. Stuart, Jr., who headed the delegation, told the president that the Harvard Woodrow Wilson club wished upon the anniversary of the birth of Washington to extend their greeting to "you, the great American of our generation," and that inspired by Wilsonian ideals, the club proposed to perpetuate the ideals to which the president had given concrete expression.

Mrs. Wilson who was standing beside the president apparently much moved by the tribute expressed by the college men, expressed a wish that she might make a speech, but said she would not because she never had.

11 INDICTED FOR BILKING FARMERS

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Indictments charging eleven officials of the Consumers Service company with using the mails to defraud farmers of more than \$250,000 in the last five years through the sale of "service contracts" were made public today by postal inspectors.

A. P. Clarahan, inspector in charge of the Chicago end of the investigation, said that farmers in 23 states had been swindled.

In return for contracts calling for \$20 to \$100, the company, he said, promised to sell drygoods, farm implements, groceries and other lines of merchandise at reduced prices. The indictment charges that letters said the company could buy more direct for the consumer, thereby eliminating middlemen's profits. The indictment alleged the farmers were not rendered the service promised.

JITNEYS ENDANGER STREET CAR PROFITS

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 22.—Increase in street car fares to seven cents unless a way is found to eliminate buses as competitors, was declared imminent by the street railway board of control today.

It was pointed out that the Community Traction company is running behind \$93,000 a month.

The Community Traction company began operation February 1 when the new service-at-cost franchise went into effect.

PRESIDENT TAKES HAND IN LEAGUE

First Direct Note to League of Nations Sent by U. S. State Department — Insistence Upon Equal Rights in Mandates Repeated—Reported England Will Agree.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—The note from Washington reached the American embassy during the afternoon. The exports immediately set at work decoding it.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—While no reply has been received from Great Britain, it was unofficially stated that the British government was preparing an answer that would go far towards satisfying the American contentions that equal opportunities must be provided for the citizens of all countries in all mandate territories. It has been suggested that Sir Auckland Geddes, who returned to the United States yesterday after consultations with the foreign office in London, had been empowered to convey the ideas of his government on the subject. Officials of the department declined to say from what quarter the intimation came that the question should be taken directly to the league but it was believed it came from Great Britain and that the returning British ambassador bore the message.

U. S. Not to Be Isolated  
Communications have been received by the department from the council and a certain amount of correspondence has followed, but this is the first time the United States has initiated any action before that body. Officials insisted that it was not to be taken as an indication that the United States was to become involved in controversies with the league but rather be a manifestation of the determination of the United States to insist upon its rights even though it is not a member of the league.

In his note to Lord Curzon, Secretary Colby said the United States did not propose to be excluded from participation in the rights and privileges secured under mandates provided in the treaties of peace and it expected to be heard regarding the terms of those mandates before they were put into form.

Colby Note Repeated  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The American government has communicated directly to the League of Nations council its view with regard to mandates as set forth in the note sent by Secretary Colby to the British government last November. It was announced today at the state department.

Acting on an official intimation that since the council already had taken action on the question of mandates, the opinions expressed in Mr. Colby's note to Lord Curzon, the British secretary of state for foreign affairs, should be conveyed to the council, a communication that was described as practically a duplicate of that note which was dispatched to Paris last night.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—The American state department has sent a note to the League of Nations on the subject of mandates it was learned here today.

The American embassy in Paris has notified Dr. DaCunha, president of the league council, to the effect that the state department understands the terms of the mandates for former enemy colonies were to be approved at this meeting of the council, and adding that the United States had observations to make on this subject which were considered of the utmost importance.

The state department asks the council not to take final action until a note, which is being drafted, should reach Paris.

This is the first note the United States has sent directly to the League of Nations.

It is believed in League of Nations circles that it concerns either the island of Yap, the Pacific cable station whose status is in dispute, or the Franco-British Mesopotamian oil agreements.

Ambassador Wallace's letter will be read to the council this afternoon. It was addressed to Senator DaCunha and to Sir Eric Drummond, secretary general of the League of Nations.