

Coolidge Likes Slemp But Slemp Quits Him

All Is Not Clear, but Slemp Wanted to be Postmaster General and When Coolidge Turned Him Down for New, Slemp Decided to Get Out

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Washington, Jan. 15.—Something of the goings on behind the scenes is revealed in the resignation of C. Bascom Slemp, private secretary to President Coolidge.

Mr. Slemp will be succeeded by Representative Everett Sanders of Indiana. The situation is rather unparalleled. Mr. Coolidge likes Mr. Slemp, thinks he is one of the ablest lieutenants a President could have, and is sorry to see him go. He could have stayed on indefinitely so far as Calvin Coolidge is concerned.

But Mr. Slemp is an executive, an administrator, an active man with talents sufficient to run an executive department. Reputed to be more than a millionaire, he has made a success of private business. As for politics, he engineered Mr. Coolidge's pre-convention campaign, lined up the delegates from the Southern states particularly, and had a good deal to say about policies and pronouncements during the campaign itself. His revolt against some of the indiscretions of William M. Butler in handling the "old guard" at the Republican national convention, however, was the beginning of the end.

Mr. Slemp had to repress his feelings and play ball. He did. Outwardly there was harmony. Behind the scenes there was not. And when Mr. Coolidge was elected, he had reason to be grateful for the advice of Mr. Slemp. And then came rumors that Mr. Slemp was about to retire. Published reports had it that he hoped for a cabinet portfolio. Mr. Slemp said nothing publicly.

Mr. Slemp didn't get the cabinet post and he didn't blame Mr. Coolidge either, for circumstances more or less beyond the control of his chief are said to have prevented the promotion. There is a possibility that in a year or so Mr. Slemp will be rewarded by a cabinet place.

Speaking of "promotion," there have been men who regarded the position of private secretary to the President as of infinitely more importance than a cabinet portfolio. In the latter, a view of only one department is obtained and the secretary is hedged in by assistant secretaries and lots of red tape. At the White House a private secretary deals for the President with all executive departments as well as Congress. It has been regarded by some private secretaries as vastly more interesting and even more influential than a cabinet job. The private secretary can have the ear of the President and influence his course. He really is an assistant President.

Mr. Slemp is said to have wanted to be Postmaster General. The political aides of Presidents in the past have gone to that department. George B. Cortelyou, chairman of the Republican national committee at one time, went there. Frank Hitchcock, another Republican chairman, was named Postmaster General and Will Hays, Republican chairman in 1920, was the most recent appointee to the same portfolio.

Harry New, Postmaster General by appointment of President Harding, was at one time a Republican national chairman. He has not yet announced whether he intends to stay on though, after Tuesday's cabinet meeting this week, Mr. Coolidge asked him to remain. The story is that when that die was cast, Mr. Slemp's chances to be Postmaster General at this time vanished. He left that day for New York on business and while there news of his impending resignation leaked out. It was officially confirmed today.

Just what impelled Mr. Coolidge to ask Mr. New to stay is not yet clear for it is known that, apart from the case of Mr. Slemp, there were others whose names had been brought forward for the possible vacancy. The impression has been general that Mr. New sought to retire to private life for personal reasons. There is said to be some internal politics in the postoffice department which led the President to insist upon Mr. New's staying in office but it would not be surprising if



RETIREES

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this was only a temporary affair. Representative Sanders is heartily commended by Mr. Slemp, who regards him as one of the ablest men for the job, particularly because of the wide acquaintance of the Indiana mem-

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ber of Congress with his colleagues in both houses. Mr. Sanders was well enough regarded to be mentioned for the Vice Presidency at the last Cleveland convention but was vetoed by Senator James Watson whose name was being brought forward at the same time.

Outwardly the scene is calm and there is no political upheaval. But behind the scenes the pressure for political appointment is at its height as usual in the days preceding inauguration. The politicians who want the jobs say the incumbents have held on long enough and that other deserving Republicans ought to have a chance. And Mr. Coolidge who recognizes party service as worthy of reward is having a perplexing time meeting the demands of the men who may in 1928 decide the question of another Presidential nomination for him.

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