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NOTHING DEFINITE SO FAR REGARDING **CABINET MEMBERS**

Understood Harding Has Not Finally Decided On Any Member of Cabinet

HUGHES FAVORITE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

Dawes, Weeks, Will Hays, Daugherty and Herbert Hoover All Looked Upon As Likely Members of Harding's Official Family; Lillian Russell Visits Harding Home

Marion, O., Jan. 1 .- Although Presiat elect Harding has about made up mind on several of the most imartant appointments to his cabinet, it as indicated today that he had not cl committee himself to a definite total in regard to any of the ten nees in his official family. During to past few days he has reviewed the satire field of availables in conference with his closest political advisers, and although the discussions have led to further shifting about of tentatively

Charles beins Hughes, of New York, continues the most talked of man for Secretary of State, and John G. Dawes, of Illinois, ptill is a favorite for Secretary of the Treasury, although for the latter Charles D. Hilles, of New York, and John W. Weeks, of Massachysetts, still are mentioned as possibilities. Mr. Weeks, however, is, more generally regarded as a likely Secretary of the Navy.

Other Availables.

Others who keep to the front in cabinet speculation are Harry M. Daugh-orty, of Ohio, most frequently men-tiuned for Attorney General; Will H. Hays, of Indiana, discussed for Postmuster General or Secretary of the In-terior; Haury Wallace, of Iowa, put ferward for Secretary of Agriculture, and Herbert Hoover, of California, above name frequently has been coupled th the pertfolio of labor, but who a been regarded in the light of recent velopments as a more likely choice r Secretary of Commerce.
Regarding the Secretaryship of war,

It is understood that no positive ac-tion has been taken in regard to the sppointment of a Secretary to the pointment of a Secretary to the esident, but the general belief is that resident but the general belief is that he position will go to George B) hristian, who has been Mr. Harding's ceretary since he entered the Senate. arious others have been mentioned, at all the indeations here have point

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The President-elect spent most of New Year's day at his desk, but during the afternoon he took a long walk and called on some of his intimate friends.

Alex P. Moore, of Pittaburg, and Mrs. Moore, who formerly was Lillian Russell, were guests at noonday dinher at the Harding home, and in the ceaning Mr. Harding went to another New 1888. Mr. Harding went to another New ar's feast at the home of George B.

HOPE FOR A YEAR OF TRUE PEACE IN ITALY

ne. Jan. 1.-New Year's day was nies today and all the gayety pos-le considering the shadow of the to at Finme which still is hang-

dignitaries of the state for New ar's greeting, including the wearers the collar of the order of the An-unsiata. The chief topic of conver-

LETTER TO PRESIDENT DELIVERED BY 'PLANE

ULITZER PROPHY RACES

WOMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER OF J. L. HAMON



Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, who sur rendered to the authorities recently on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Jake L. Hamon, Republi-can National Committeeman from

Says "All Is Wel!" Among Sym-pathizers For Irish Cause in This Country

LEAVES FOR ERI

New York, Jan. 1 .- Mrs. Muriel Mac-Swiney, widow of the late Lord Mayer of Cork, sailed away from America today carrying to Eamoun De Valera, "President of the Irish Republic," a message that "all is well" among the sympathizers with his couse in this

ins been regarded in the light of recent developments as a more likely choice for Secretary of Commerce.

Regarding the Secretaryship of war, presentation has taken a less dafinite trend. During the past few days, A. T. Hert, of Kentucky, has been mentioned completonsly for the place, but everything has indicated that Mr. Harding in his flow a decision on the point.

The President elect is said to be united and color of the position of the interior and commerce, which may be filled at the last moment by men promisently considered for other cabinet posits, but displaced in the final allotment of the portfolios of higher rank. There has been some talk of George Sutherland, of Utah, for Secretary of Interior, but sume of his close friends say he is more likely to receive a phace on the supreme bench.

No Positive Action.

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In a farewell message, she called upon America. "speedily to relieve the devastation of Ireland and help it to stand by your side, a free and independent vation."

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She pictured Ireland as the victim "of such cruelty and crime that even its termenters condemn themselves as they strike, where no home is safe from the fire-brand and ravisher, and no person is size of his life from day to day—all this because she seeks to walk in the path of liberty which the United States first mide."

SHORTAGE OF HOUSES AT LUMBERTON ACUTE

COLLECTOR'S JOB

Executive Committee To Pull Choice Plum

LINNEY AND TUCKER TO DRAW ATTOPNEYSHIPS

J. D. Parker, of Smithfield, Picked To Succeed United States Marshel George H. Bellamy While Brownlow Jackson Is To Get The West. ern Marshalship

News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Building. By R. E. POWELL.

Washington, Jan. 1 .- Based upon in formation furnished by leading Republicans who have been in Washington the past two weeks and others who have the past two weeks and others who have been interviewed in the State during the death of Jake J. Henon, Republican National Committeeman from Oklahoma. Mrs. Hamon was photo-positions in North Carolina under the positions in North Carolina under the present exclusively the following slate of appoints to Federal positions in North Carolina under the present up. Carolina in the city auditorium here, January 12 and 13. The North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Association will meet Wednesday, January 12, and the North Carolina Division of the American Cetters up. Carolina in the city auditorium here, January 12 and 13. The North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Association will meet Wednesday, January 12, and the North Carolina Division of the American Cetters up. Carolina in the city auditorium here, January 12 and 13. The North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Association will meet Wednesday, January 12, and the North Carolina Division of the American Cetters up. Carolina in the city auditorium here, January 12 and 13. The North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Association will meet Wednesday, January 12, and the North Carolina Division of the American Cetters up. Carolina in the city auditorium here, January 12 and 13. The North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Association will meet Wednesday, January 12 and the North Carolina Division of the American Cetters up. Carolina in the city auditorium here, January 12 and 13. The North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Association will meet Wednesday, January 12 and the North Carolina Division of the American Cetters up. Carolina Division of the American Cett

Internal Revenue.
Irvin B. Tucker, of Whiteville, will be recommended to succeed E. F. Ayd-lett, of Elizabeth City, as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of

Frank A. Linney, of Boone, will be recommended to succeed Stonewall Jackson Durham as United States Attorney for the Western District of North

J. D. Parker, of Smithfield, will be recommended for United States Mar-shal, Eastern District, to succeed Col. shal, Eastern District, to succeed Cel. George H. Bellamy, of Wilmington. Brownlow Jackson, of Hendersonville, will be recommended for United States Marshal, Western District, to succeed

Charles A. Webb, of Asheville.
R. W. Ward, of Raleigh, will be named postmaster for the Capital City to succeed Bart M. Gatling, Democratic incumbent.

Incumbent,

List Approved by "Big Three."

The "Big Three" in the Republicar
party of North Carolina has considered
at length and approved this aleft.

There have been formal and informal
conferences, duck hants and

is going to pass over him long before the Tar Heel Republicans come to Washington to see their President parade down Pennsylvania avenue by

Sonator.

Parker's Appointment Slightly In Bonbi.

The appointment of J. D. Parker, of Smithfield, as United States Marshal for the Eastern District, has not been finally settled upon and the same thing is true about the selection of R. W. Ward, of Raleigh, for the postoffice. There are contingencies and here they are and how they came about,

Tucker's announcement that he would take the District Attorneyahip in the East eliminated J. D. Parker, labe opponent of Congressman E. W. Pou, from consideration for this place and made him a contender with Ward for the Marshalship. Ward agreed to step down and out for his friend Parker provided Mrs. E. Carl Duncan, of Raleigh, wife of the former National Committeeman, did not want the place of postmaster at Raleigh. It is understeed that she does not and if this is true, Parker will be Marshal and Ward postmaster. If Mra Duncan wants the postmaster, if Mra Duncan wants the postmaster, if out with the theres favoring Parker.

Barring these eventualities, the slate stands confirmed as it will be presented to President elect Harding soon after he takes office.

Out Ge All the Democrats.

The Republicans expect these appointments to be made, early after March 4, Mesars. Grissom, Tucker, Linny, Parker and Jackson being ready to take office any time after that date. They will follow the Keith precedent at Wilmington in the beginning of the Wilson administration and bid the Democratis box vergage on the good ship Private Lafe as soon as their commissions are signed.

Is can be said with authority for

BEFORE FARMERS IN MEETINGS HERE

Secretary To Republican State Secretary Meredith, Manning and Sapiro In Auditorium January 12 and 13

> COTTON, AND TOBACCO FARMERS BOTH MEET

Will Work Out System of Mar. keting Cotton and Tobacco; And Speakers Are Selected With Consideration of Intimate Knowledge Possessed Along Lines of Marketing

E. T. Meredith, Secretary of Agricul ture, Richard I. Manning, former governor of South Carolina, and Aaron Sapiro, of California, expert in co operative marketing, will address meetings of cotton and tobacco growers of North Carolina in the city auditorium here, January 12 and 13. The North Carolina

commercial interests are expected to be represented. largely

The tobacco growers' meeting will begin at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, January 12, with organization for lusiness, the basis of representation being one delegate for every one hundered members in each county. Words of welcome and of greeting will be coming governors, to be followed by round table conference. The California Plan.

At the recent meeting held in Rich mond recommendations were made look ing to the organization in North Caro association modelled somewhat alone the lines of the California organiza-tions. Aaron Sapiro, who is the attor-mey and the guiding hand of fourteen of the most successful of these and of the most successful of these, and who has been retained as attorney for the organization committee of the In-terstate Tohnces Growers' Association. will explain in detail the plan of ope-

Them have been formal and informal conferences. duck hants and and thanks in the marshes of Columbus and hear drives in mountainous Walsaga to support "official visita" that have occurred between John M. Morehead, of Charlotte: Irvin B. Tucker, of Whiteville, and State Chairman Linney, the omnipotent triumvirate.

Whether Mr. Morehead gets in the Harding cabinet or not he is with the advice and consent of Chairman Linney and Mr. Tucker, going to dispense the pie. Former Senator Marion Butler is going to be flattened out until he could be shipped overseas for ambassadorial duty in a six foot plate glass carton. And the steam roller plans to better facilitate the marketing of the staple. The co-operative plan will be considered in all its phases. Mr. Sanira will address the cotton grower

> day morning. Cotton Export Corporation. At the morning session on Thursday, January 13th, former Governor Richard I. Manning of South Carolina, will address the convention, explaining the ton Export Corporation movement, which is an outgrowth of the American Cotton Association, and telling of the progress that has been made. Governor Manning, himself a farmer, is presi-dent of the American Products Ex-port and Import Corporation, which, though organized in South Carolina in the full, is already a going concern with more than \$2,000,000 of its capital stock subscribed in that State alone. The export of cotton to re-open the markets of Europe to the South's staple has already begun, atthough the move-ment is still less than three months old The first shipment was made from the port of Charleston just before Christ-

The Cotton Export Corporation ment will be extended into North Care-lina, as throughout the cotton growing South, and although not intended to conflict in any way with any strictly co-oper tive marketing pr gram that may be adopted, will be launched, it is hoped, at the Raleigh meeting as among the activities of the American Cotton Association in this State. Already there is much interest felt throughout North Carolina North Carolina among farmers, banker and business men, in the movement which has made such wenderful head-

Secretary of Agriculture Meredith has been invited to closs the two-day meeting with an address on Thursday night. He is a forceful speakes and always has a message to deliver. The trio of speakers secured for the Raleigh meeting have been selected with consideration for the intimate knowledge they peaces slong Hass bearing directly upon the profitems the cotton and tobacco growers now face and in the hope that they may be able to give some prestical advice and suggestions taward the solution of these problems.

NOTABLES TO SPEAK SAID TO BE SLATED FOR CABINET POSTS



ing their products. Attendance upon the sessions are not limited to the Harding for Secretary of State; 2. Harry M. Daugherty, Harding's pre-convenient membership of the 10 associations tion campaign manager, who may become Attorney General; 2. Will H. Hays, for in addition to farmers not affilic chairman of the Republican National Committee, who may be Postmated. ated with the two bodies banking and General; 4, Herbert Hoover, former Food Administrator, who is being considered

Some Sinn Feiners, However, Think De Valera Is Hiding In **Native Country**

Dublin, Jan. 1.-Lending Sin Felners and government officers alike deny knowledge of the arrival haza of Eamonn De Valera. They assert that he did not arrive on hoard the steamer Pontiff from New York and telephonic inquiry at several Irish ports Tailed to reveal that the "President of the Irish republic" has made his entry into Some Sinn Feiners credit the state-ment of Harry Boland, secretary to De Valera in the United States, that De

Valera has landed on Irish soil, snying that he would not have made such a It is stated that there would be no need to arrest De Valera on the old charge against him, that of having escaped from jaff, as he could be taken into custody under the restoration of order in Ireland act. The ground for the detention of Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein organization, and Prof. MacNeil, president of the Sing Fein Volunteers, is the desire of the government to ascertain the responsibil for the alleged employment of Be publican funds on ambuscades and other operations involving the loss of

the lives of troops, and it is said this desire might include De Valera as the alleged source of the funds. There would be no difficulty in De Valera remaining hidden here as long as e chooses, as there are many perso the would not risk harboring the aver age suspect who would give him his intimates and then make known his

GOVERNMENT PLANTS TO WORK ON SHORT TIME

London, Jan. 1.- In addition to other plans for relief for the vast army or nemployed workers, the eabinet oses that the governments own inon short time to provide employment for the greatest possible number of work people, this will avoid further reduction of the government establish ments and absorb many workers who already have been disnissed. The government is asking employers

of labor throughout the country to take similar action and is appealing to the trades unions to co-operate in order to tide over the trade depre-Re-cutablish Relations.

charest, Dec. 31.-Diplomatic re

igtions between Rumania and Bulgaria sere re-established today when the Bulgarian minister, M. Netkoff, pre-sented his credentials to King Fordi-

STRIKES AUTOMOBILE NEAR CRARLOTTE CITY LINITS

Charlotte, Jan. 1-Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Deel, Mr. E. M. Deul, 36, and

House and Senate Will Begin This corresponded to an increase of To Get Under Way With Organization

With the 1921 session of the General Asembly just around the corner waiting to make its how to the State Wednesday at noon, the vanguard of the membership of both Houses, and a few
scattering citizens who have in mind
offering themselves—for service as
clerks, and other attaches to legis
lation, have already begun to arrive,
and tomorrow will see them coming and tomorrow will see them coming in considerable numbers.

Tuesday night the first caucuses will be held, the majority members of the House meeting in the Hall of Representatives, and the Democrats of the Senate meeting in the Senate for pre liminary discussion of the things that serve banks, but rather providing a wil come up later in the week, among and chief of them being who shall be Speaker of the House and President pro tem of the Scnate.

Harmony wil most likely hover over the caucuses, since all the fight has been taken out of the selection of the Speaker and the President Pro Tem by the retirement of all contenders save one for each office. Harry P. Grier of Statesville, unless all portents fall, will be speaker, and, by the same token, Senator Lansford Long, of Hal-ifax, will succeed Lindsay Warren as second in command in the Senate.

Nothing is known of the plans of the negligible number of Republicans in the General Assembly as to their cancus ings, nor upon whom they will confer the relatively, empty, honor of being nominated for the speakership. Their standing in the Legislature, numerically speaking, was not enhanced at the past general election, and this year finds

had two years ago.
Interest lu Committees. With interest withdrawn from the what will play vice to Lieut-Gov. Cooper, apeculation has turned mostly upo of no little manoeuvering to be done during the few days next following the opening of the ression. Particuthe opening of the mession. Particu-larly is this so on the Senate side of the capitol, where, necording to the prophets, something may develop

between the retiring and the incoming

them with no more members than they

Lieutenant Governors.
Four years ago there was a deadlock setween Daughtridge and Gardner over the personnel of several committees Impremorial custom has made it the practice for the incoming and retiring Lieutenges Governors to put their heads together and same the com-mittee slates, but that year Mr. Daughridge wanted Sonator Holderness to head the appropriations committee and have it. Compromise was reached, only after Mr. Gardner relented and awarded the finance committee to Senator

Gray, Neither Me Corper nor Mr. Gardner have been in Raleigh since the Novem-ber election, but it is presumed here that they have conferred as to com

BILLS SECURED BY WAR OBLIGATION SHOW A DECREASE

Holdings of Paper Drop From Nearly \$1,500,000,000 To \$1,141,000,000

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

Gold Reserve Shows Little Change As Compared With Last Year; Paid In Capital of Reserve Banks Increases From 97.4 To 99.8 Rer Cent: Credit Policy Changes

Washington, Jan. 1 .- Holding . of paper secured by government war ob ligations declined from nearly 1,500,-000,000 at the opening of the year to 1,141,000,000 on December 31, said the annual review issued tonight by the Federal Reserve Board. "At the end of the year," it added, "dut of a sotal of 2,719,1 millions of discounted bills abiut 42 per cent was composed we raper secured by United States

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of the year as compared with the condition 12 months earlier. Although con-siderable gold was exported to South America and to the Orient early in the year, it was explained, gold shipments from England in anticipation of the maturity of the nglo-French bonds on October 15 were responsible in a measure for a subsequent recovery on that on December 30 the amount only 3.3 millions below the total shown on January 2. Increases in capitalization of exist-

ing member banks and accessions of new members were responsible in part for an increase in the paid in capital of the Federal Reserve banks during the year from 87.4 to 99.8 millions over 411 millions in capital and surplus of member banks-Changes In Condition

Changes in the condition of the Federal Reserve Banks during 1929, according to the review, reflect to a large originated about the last of 1919.

secured by treasury certificates, the rates adopted were in most cases identical with the higher coupon rates fixed by the government, thus holding out no indusement to the member banks to carry these securities among their own investments and use them as lateral for loans at the Federal Restimulus to place them in the hands of ultimate investors. are seen in the gradual decrease the amounts of war paper held during nearly 1,500 millions at the opening of the year the holdings of paper se-30. Of the latter total 188 m or 165 per cent, were secured by tress ary certificates, compared with 461. ury certificates, compared with millions, or over 31 per cent, held a the opening of the year, this de-crease corresponding in a general wa crease corresponding in a general was to the reduction in the amount of cor-tificates held by the member banks. Much smaller reductions are shown Much smaller requestioned of Paper in the reserve banks holdings of Paper secured by Liberty bonds and Victory notes, the December 30 total, 958 lions, being only 70 millions less time the amount reported at the beginning of the year. On the other hand, holdings of other discounted paper, which at the opening of the year totaled 746.9 millions, show an almost stendy growth, being in excess of 1,500 millions, the result of September, the lions at the end of September, finetnating between about 1,500 and 1,600 millions during the last three months of the year. At the end of the year out of a total of 2,710.1 millions of discounted bills about 42 per cent was composed of paper secured by was composed of paper secured b

flons held on the first Friday of the

year.

Retard Borrowings,
"Early in the year the Federal Reserve banks mised their discount rates on commercial paper, but the influence of the higher rates is seen in retarding the progres of borrowing rather than restricting them. In fact, total Fed-eral Reserve Bank holdings of discount-ed bills, 2,231.2 millions at the beginning of the year, increased by over 30 millions up to the end of April, and by another 200 millions during the next four months. The pask of 2.826.8 millions was reached on Navember 5, while the total held on December 30, 2,719.1 millions, is 487.9 millions larg 2,719.1 millions, is 487.9 millions lar than at the beginning of the year than at the beginning of the year "Holding of bills purchased in or market show an almost uninterrup decline for the period under sorn From a total of 574.5 millions at beginning of the year, a decline to 25 millions on December 30 is shown, decrease of 318.9 millions being of argely to the increased desaund this class of bills by saving ban trust companies, also corporate and yidnat investors. No paperson