

Seldom Has Secretary To President Got In Cabinet

Not Since George B. Cortelyou Has It Happened and as for Joe Tumulty, He Thought His Job Bigger Than Any Cabinet Portfolio

By ROBERT T. SMALL

Washington, Jan. 19.—While Washington gossip generally concedes that Bascom Slemm, secretary to President Coolidge, has been disappointed in not being named to the cabinet, the truth of the matter is that the secretaryship to a President seldom ever serves as a stepping-stone to the official family. Since President Cleveland's days there has been only one such promotion. Most Presidents have regarded their secretary as occupying a far closer and more personal relationship than any member of the cabinet and this may account for the failure of the executives to regard the door to their private office as a sort of portal to the cabinet.

There is talk now that former Representative Everett Sanders, of Indiana, who is to succeed Mr. Slemm at the White House, has been promised cabinet rank later on. Otherwise it is argued he would not have been turned aside from his purpose to quit Washington because of the meager congressional salary, inasmuch as the post at the White House carries with it the same pay as that received by senators and representatives, namely, \$7,500 a year. At the White House Mr. Sanders will have an automobile and chauffeur, but whether a car in these days is to be regarded as an asset or liability is something else again.

George Bruce Cortelyou, who was stenographer to President Cleveland, assistant secretary to President McKinley and secretary to both McKinley and President Roosevelt, was elevated by the latter to the cabinet.

Mr. Cortelyou not only went to the cabinet but he went almost through it. He was the first secretary of the new Department of Commerce and Labor, since split into two separate departments. Mr. Roosevelt found Mr. Cortelyou so efficient that he transferred him to the Postmaster Generalship and then later gave him the further honor of appointing him to the Treasurer portfolio. There has been no promotion of a private secretary to the cabinet since Mr. Cortelyou.

President Roosevelt was very fond of William Loeb, Jr., who succeeded Mr. Cortelyou as his secretary, but appointed him collector of the port of New York.

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Mr. Slemm really has given more social importance to the position than the secretaries who preceded him because he has had unlimited means at his disposal, being rated by his closer friends as almost if not quite a millionaire.

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Mr. Slemm had his eyes on the President's official family for another reason than that of social position, it is said. He cherished the ambition of being a Virginian in a Republican cabinet—quite a unique position to say the least.

NO OBLIGATION ON U. S. SAYS HUGHES

Washington, Jan. 19.—Secretary Hughes in an informal statement today said that the agreement reached by the allied finance ministers conference would impose no obligation legally or morally on America, and that the country remains as free from European matters as ever.

SAYS FLAMING SWORD IS A ROTTEN ORDER

Chattanooga, Jan. 19.—Dr. Roy E. Davis, Royal Ambassador of the Knights of the Flaming Sword, in his Royal proclamation, calls upon all members to withdraw from the order, saying that the movement is dedicated to one proposal, accumulating millions for private, personal and greedy individuals.

ELKS REHEARSE TONIGHT

Rehearsal for the Elks Minstrel will be held at 7:30 in the Elks Hall tonight and members of the cast are reminded to be there.

ENGINEER KILLED AS TRAIN HITS A SLIDE

Cartersville, Ga., Jan. 19.—W. F. Hertzell, engineer, was killed and J. M. Conner, fireman, was injured when a southbound train of the North Carolina and St. Louis railway struck a slide near here yesterday.

Oh, Girls!

MAN'S THROAT CUT BY HIS WINDSHIELD

Asheville, Jan. 19.—Willard Pittman was instantly killed Friday when his throat was cut by the windshield of a car which went over an embankment near Spear, North Carolina.

COOLIDGE VETO REMOTE DANGER

Ward Points Out That The Danger Fast In Congress Still Chance Kill Government Purchase of Canal

That there is still possibility of defeat for the project of Government purchase of the Dismal Swamp Canal is pointed out by Congressman Ward in a letter to former Senator J. C. B. Hartman of this city, though Mr. Ward denies the possibility as a comfortable remedy.

Nothing ever out of danger, Mr. Ward points out, "while one man lives who could kill it. There is no danger to the Dismal Swamp project of the bill in Congress, but I cannot avoid somberly lest the Senate should hold the bill beyond the President's wishes and a clash arise, possible in a veto."

Senator Ward declares that he claims no special credit for the passage of the act, but he believes there is a "very bright spot" in what he calls the measure.

CHAPMAN CAPTURED SAY MUNCIE POLICE

Indianapolis, Jan. 19.—Gerald Chapman, arrested yesterday at Muncie will be held for the Atlanta Federal prison authorities, United States Attorney Cavins said today.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GENERAL LEE

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—Memorial services honoring General Robert E. Lee tonight will supersede all of the Legislature today. Both branches of the General Assembly will meet at 7:30 then adjourn to turn the house over to the John Pettigrew chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for the Lee birthday program with Senator Hamilton C. Jones as chief speaker.

A number of members of both Houses will leave tonight for Edenton to attend the Chowan bridge rally, under the auspices of the Budget Commission.

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Governor McLean will make his first recommendation to the Assembly Wednesday.

SIMMONS GOES TO SERVE TERM

Washington Real Estate Man's Case Moves People of His Town to Great Sympathy.



Prince Henry, third son of King George of England, must be getting jealous of his older brother, the Prince of Wales. At any rate, he is contemplating a trip to the United States, according to rumor in court circles.

PARENT-TEACHERS TO ELECT OFFICERS

The Parent-Teachers Association will meet in the Grammar School auditorium Tuesday afternoon at 3:45. All parents are once more urged to attend. Officers are to be elected and other steps taken to make the organization a real force in the community.

SENATE PAYS ITS TRIBUTE TO DEAD

Washington, Jan. 19.—The Senate today held memorial services for Henry Cabot Lodge, Frank B. Brandegee, and Lebanon B. Colt, members who died during the summer recess.

FORMER PRESIDENT OF U. D. C. IS DEAD

Washington, Jan. 19.—Mrs. Cornelia B. Stone, aged 84, of Galveston, Texas, former president general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, died here last night.

She also had served as parliamentarian of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was prominently identified with a number of Texas organizations.

INCLUDES SURVEY OF KNOBBS CREEK

A provision for the survey of Knobbs Creek also passed the House last week as a part of the rivers and harbors bill, according to R. C. Job, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who returned to this city from Washington Saturday.

SOUTHERN RIVERS CONTINUE TO RISE

Atlanta, Jan. 19.—Although no additional deaths are reported, rivers throughout Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina and other Southern states continued to rise today.

SELECT QUESTION DEBATE

Chapel Hill, Jan. 19.—Resolved: That Congress by a two-thirds vote should be empowered to override the judicial veto is the question that will be debated in the Carolina-South Carolina-William and Mary triangle debate to be held some time next month.

JUDGE MEEKINS IS SWORN INTO OFFICE

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SPECIAL TRAIN EDENTON MEET

Because of the weather and the roads a special train will take the delegation from here to Edenton Tuesday to the Chowan River Bridge meeting. Secretary R. C. Job of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce announces.

The train will leave Elizabeth City promptly at 9:30 Tuesday morning, Jan. 20, and returning will leave Edenton at 1 o'clock that afternoon. There is room for all who will go and a large delegation is hoped for.

UNITY IS NEEDED SAYS MRS. CATT

Chairman of Conference on Cause and Cure of War Speaks at Opening Session Today.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Unity of demand behind the common program for world peace is America's great need, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt today told the opening session of the conference on the cause and cure of war, called by nine national women's organizations.

The week-long program began today with a public rally, although the formal opening of the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War, of which Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt is chairman, will not take place until tomorrow.

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TWAS ORGAN FUND

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TO CALL UP MAJORITY REPORT IN OIL PROBE

Washington, Jan. 19.—Senator Walsh announced today that he would call up the majority report in the oil investigation in the Senate tomorrow.

FAVORABLE REPORT OFFERED ON NOMINATION OF STONE

Washington, Jan. 19.—The Senate Judiciary committee today reported the nomination of Attorney General Stone as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court favorably.

Gov'nor and Newsy Kneel Side By Side At Funeral

And Both Weep Shamelessly as Priest Chants Requiem of Big Tom Foley, Great Tammany Leader, Who Died of Pneumonia Last Week



Tom Foley, former sheriff who won his sobriquet through the largeness of his personality, heart and head, as well as the weight of his influence.

FLORIDA TO BAR UGLY ROAD SIGNS

Tallahassee, Florida, Jan. 19.—A movement to eliminate unsightly signs from along the public highways in Florida, started in Lake County two years ago, has spread so rapidly that 21 of the 67 counties in the state have approved regulations prohibiting any signs on public highways except those placed there by authority of the county or state as definite guides.

SIX DESTROYERS SAIL TO SHANGHAI

Manila, Jan. 19.—Six more American destroyers sailed today for Shanghai where national and military aviators are conducting for the possession of the city. Six are already there.

QUERY FOR DEBATE WITH JOHN HOPKINS SELECTED

Chapel Hill, Jan. 19.—The query for the annual Carolina-Washington and Lee-Johns Hopkins debate, one of the most important triangle contests of the year, was selected last week at a meeting of the University Debate Council.

The date has not been set, though it will be in April or May. The schedule provides that Carolina's affirmative meet Washington and Lee in Chapel Hill, while the negative will travel to Baltimore to debate Johns Hopkins.

LIQUOR AND AUTOS TOOK TOLL TWELVE

Chapel Hill, Jan. 19.—Moonshine liquor and automobile accidents took 12 lives here over Sunday. Twelve were sent to hospitals from drinking poison liquor.

SOPH AT 8



James Newton Owens is just eight. But he is a sophomore in high school at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla. He is studying Caesar and Greek, reads Spanish fluently, and works mathematical problems that stump most of the seniors. But during recreation "Nubie" plays with boys his own age.

HELD WITHOUT BOND DEATH OF NINETEEN

Bristol, Va., Jan. 19.—Roy Patrick, 27 years of age, is held without bond in the Marion, Virginia jail on a charge of being responsible for the collapse of the muck dam at Saltville Christmas Eve, in which 19 persons perished.

Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson Makes Interesting Report

Fifty-five Counties Now Organized for Welfare Work and State Board of Charities and Welfare Doing a Great Work

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—Fifty-five counties in North Carolina are now organized for public welfare work, according to the biennial report of Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, State Commissioner of Charities and Public Welfare. In 15 of these counties whole-time officers are employed and in 19 part-time officers. The employment of a superintendent of public welfare is mandatory in 13 counties, the law requiring such an officer in counties having a population of 22,000 or more in two counties, Onslow and Mitch-

ell, employment of a superintendent of public welfare is mandatory by special statute. In counties having no superintendent of public welfare, the county superintendent of schools is designated welfare officer. Boards of public welfare have been organized in all the counties in the State. A few of these, however, are at present incomplete. The counties having whole-time superintendents of public welfare are: Alamance, Anson, Brunswick, Currituck, Curritow, Dare, Davidson, Forsyth, Guilford, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Lincoln, Martin, Wayne, and Yadlow. Continued on page 6

BURNED TO DEATH AS PARENTS SLEEP

Waterbury, Conn., Jan. 19.—The children of Harry Loomis, who lives near here, were burned to death in their beds last night. Their parents were asleep in another part of the house.

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PRESS EFFORTS UNDERWOOD BILL

Washington, Jan. 19.—Senate leaders pressed their efforts today to obtain agreement to permit the appointment of conferees friendly to the Underwood-Muncie Shoals bill. It is sent to a conference between the House and Senate. Meanwhile the bill is still on the House speaker's table with leaders awaiting the result of negotiations.

GEORGIA BANKERS SEEK CUT DOWN COTTON ACREAGE

Atlanta, Jan. 19.—Specialists in the cotton business are seeking to encourage farmers to cut down the acreage of cotton in Georgia, and food stuffs sufficient for their own use.

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ANOTHER MAN DEAD IN AIRPLANE WRECK

Little Rock, Jan. 19.—George Turner was killed and another probably fatally injured when an airplane in which they were riding crashed to the ground and burned.

OVATION BY HOUSE STEDMAN IS GIVEN

Washington, Jan. 19.—Representative Charles Manly Stedman of North Carolina, the last Confederate veteran in Congress, today was given an ovation after he had authorized General Lee on the floor of the House.