

President in His Own Right; Counselors of His Own Choice

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OOLIDGE and his cabinet! Here's a subject that is stirring official Washington to the uttermost limits of surmise, conjecture, speculation and plain everyday gossip. And the rest of the country is mightily interested. There is no speculation of course as to the makeup of the Coolidge cab-

inet, for that is known. At this writing but one appointment remains to be made-that of secretary of the Department of Agriculture. Secretary Hughes of the State department goes. Attorney General

Stone has been named for the Supreme court bench. The others all stay by request of President Coolidge-Mellon, Weeks, New, Wilbur, Work, Hoover and Davis.

Should the bill for the reorganization of the executive department be passed there would be created a new department with a cabinét memberthat of the department of education and relief.

The coming changes in the cabinet can be most easily visualized by reference to the accompanying reproduction of a photograph taken at the cabinet meeting of January 2. At the head of the long table, of course, is President Coolidge, who became President upon the death of President Harding, August 2, 1923

At the President's right is Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes of New York appointed by President Harding March 5, 1921, who will be succeeded by Frank B. Kellogg of Minnesota.

The four next in order to the foot of the table will all stay in the cabinet. They are: Secretary of War John Wingate Weeks of Massachusetts (March 5, 1921), Postmaster General Harry Stewart New of Indiana, Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work of Colorado, and Secretary of Commerce Herbert Clark Hoover (March 5, 1921).

On the left of President Coolidge is Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon of Pennsylvania (March 5, 1921). He stays in the cabinet. Next is Attorney General Harlan Fiske Stone

of New York, who was appointed by President Coolidge to succeed Harry M. Daugherty, resigned. He has been named an associate justice of the United States Supreme court to succeed Justice Joseph McKenna, resigned. Charles Beecher Warren of Michigan has been named to succeed him. At this writing opposition in the senate to both appointments may result in recess appointments

Secretary of the Navy Curtis D. Wilbur of California, next in order, succeeded Edwin Denby, resigned, by appointment of President Coolidge. He

The next man is Howard M. Gore, who was assistant secretary of agriculture under the late Henry C. Wallace and succeeded him by appointment of President Coolidge. Secretary Gore is governor-elect of West Virginia and goes March 4 to assume office, leaving a place to be filled.

Secretary of Labor James John Davis of Pennsylvania (March 5, 1921) will stay in the cabinet.

The place at the foot of the table is of course vacant, as there is no vice president. Mr. Coolidge used to sit there when he was vice president. It is reported that it will remain vacant and that Vice President Charles G. Dawes will not participate in cabinet meetings, the Harding innovation not having found favor in the eyes of President ·Coolidge.

"I told you so!" arises in chorus from those who have been predicting a "new Coolidge." For many have been proclaiming from the housetops ever since the election that the President in his own right instead of the official heir of Harding would be a very different President. And they point with pride—some of course view with alarm—to recent events in which President Coolidge has demonstrated independence, assertiveness, firmness and a determination to have what he wants when he

wants it. They would appear to be right, to the extent that these events have set official Washington gasping with their suddenness and unexpected-

President and Cabinet Jan 2, 1925

The failure of the effort to pass the postal pay increase bill over the Presidential veto seems to have had a pronounced effect. Statesmen stopped telling of what they were and were not going to do and congress got busy passing appropriation

And the sudden resignation of Secretary Hughes and the appointment of Kellogg; the appointment of Warren in the face of the opposition of the Michigan delegation in congress, and other appointments made by the President without consultation with his intimates took the breath away from many people important in their own eyes. And a lot of other things out of the ordinary have taken place.

So the gossips-and Washington is justly celebrated as a gossiping city-are busy predicting a clean sweep of the inherited members of the cabinet. They also predict a new foreign policy to be dictated by the President himself which contemplates entrance into the world court and recognition of the Soviet government of Russia. And lastly they are predicting that President Coolidge will be a candidate to succeed himself in 1928, pointing to the speech of Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of the treasury, before the Nebraska State Bar association, in which he argued that the President would not then be running for a third term.

Now all this seems largely far-fetched to the average American, especially to the millions who voted for Calvin Coolidge last November. This average American has not been in the least astonished by President Coolidge's independent and decisive handling of his cabinet problems. He thinks the whole record of Mr. Coolidge has been one of courage and action when action was needed. He is amused at any effort to represent Mr. Coolidge's course as that of a weak and ineffective leader whom congress delighted to rebuff. He simply sees in the White House a strong and vigorous leader, reaching his own decisions regardless of the politicians, master in his own right. Nor does he take any stock in the notion that Mr. Coolidge means to rule alone, in autocratic fashion. He has sized up the Vermont Yankee as a believer in the American system of government which looks to teamwork and continuity of policy.

This average Amèrican is supported in his views by information officially put forth from the White House. This is to the following effect:

That the President is satisfied with his cabinet and expects no further changes in its personnel. That the retirement of Secretary Hughes from the cabinet does not involve impending changes in the administration's foreign policy.

' President Coolidge sees no reason to alter the general course he has been pursuing with regard to foreign relations, according to this White House pronouncement. While he expects the American fereign policy will develop and enlarge to keep pace with the march of world events, there is no prospect that the principles governing the attitude of the Washington government on specific questions will be subject to change during the administration beginning March 4. The President authorized a denial of reports that his Russian policy will undergo a change by virtue of the retirement of Mr. Hughes, who opposes Soviet recognition until' Moscow agrees to compensate American citizens despoiled by the Communists, to recognize the war debt owed the United States, and to cease efforts to undermine the American form of govern-

The effort to make a mystery out of the resignation of Secretary Hughes seems unnecessary. It is believed that he has long intended to resign when the opportunity offered. In his letter of resignation Mr. Hughes mentioned only one reason for wishing to retire—the wish to return to private life after virtually 20 years of public service. In his talks with his bureau chiefs, Mr. Hughes laid stress on the necessity he felt of getting back into the practice of law, so that he could accumulate

28 And as a matter of fact, Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Keilogg became close friends after Mr. Coolidge came to Washington as vice president. Hence the appointment to the Court of St. James. Moreover, Ambassador Kellogg has made good in the eyes of the President. And he's had good training. As ambassador to London he has had to extend the office all over the continent. He has been

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more than ambassador-he has been diplomat, mediator and intermediary. The position of the United States in respect of European affairs, in being in and yet not officially in, has required of him fine discretion and patience.

Should congress pass the bill for the reorganization of the executive departments-and the President favors the bill-there would be many changes in the activities of the several secretaries. Chief among the recommendations of the joint committee on reorganization is the establishment of a new department to be known as the department of education and relief and the concentration under that department of the scattered agencies which now perform work in the fields of public health, public education and the care of veterans. Specifically these are: The bureau of pensions, the bureau of education, St. Elizabeth's hospital, Howard university and Freedmen's hospital, all now in the Interior department; the public health service, now in the Treasury department; the veterans' bureau, an independent establishment; the

C. Bascom Slemp is to retire as secretary to the President and will be succeeded by Everett Sanders, a former member of congress from Indiana. It will be remembered that the country was surprised at the appointment of Mr. Slemp, who had the reputation of being a practical politician of the deepest dye. Behold one result of that appointment. Secretary Slemp, upon retirement, is able to show that he has "exploded" the popular supposition-which seemed to have a foundation in fact-that the Presidency of the United States is a man-killing job.

federal board for vocational education, and the

National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Exhibit A of the evidence is the record of the Presidential weighing machine, which discloses that President Coolidge has gained eight pounds in the eighteen months he has served the American people as Chief Executive. Said Mr. Slemp:

"President Coolidge takes exercises early in the morning and retires early at night. His working schedule is arranged so that his job is not a twenty-four-hour drive. The matter of maintaining the health of the President is a question of systematic work, relaxation, and rest, and I think that we have, to a certain extent, found a solution."

The present congress is a "lame-duck" congress. The next congress President Coolidge will presumably find more responsive to his wishes. He has a "teamwork" cabinet, with some strong men in it. But whatever does or does not happen, it is sure that the "new Coolidge" will be for economy and thrift in national affairs. They are a part of his blood and tradition—a sort of Puritan distaste for extravagant expenditure and debt.

He is a Simon-pure Yankee and Simon-pure Yankees run almost invariably true to type. As to type, it is a most astonishing one. The Yankee is a seemingly impossible combination of apparently irreconcilable traits. He is ambitious, efficient, practical and materialistic. At the same time he is idealistic beyond the comprehension of the average man of the materialistic type. His ideals are high, his loyalty to them sincere and his service

So in all human probability the "new Coolidge" will be simply a further revelation of the "same old Coolidge," acting in his own right and under more favorable conditions.

Harmonizes

The manufacture of rouge has de- | elry, everything that she wore and veloped into an art and artists, real carried, but the manufacture of rouge, artists, of the type that might have as rouge is now known in Paris, retaken up painting and sculpture had quires something more than long exthey not adopted the no less esthetic perience. For years specialists in one profession of making women beauti- of the largest perfume houses in ful, are engaged in the work; says the France have been studying the color New York Herald-Tribune.

In the past artists designed the fashionable woman's frocks, her hats, her rouge have been perfected. They

effects of clothing and light upon women's skins. Fifteen shades of

Complexions dressed woman needs to keep her complexions plexion in harmony with her costume every root and rootlet? and environment.

True pastels they are, pure colors in powders, compact in form. Art in yourself to them, and master them the laboratory has made it possible for | if you are man enough. the chic Parisienne to harmonize her complexion with her gown, the place, the occasion.

Appreciating There stands the tree in all its sum-

There stand Homer, Dante, Chaucer, and Shakespeare. Read them, give

The poets are not to be analyzed; they are to be enjoyed; they are not to be studied but to be loved; they are not for knowledge but for culture. . .

All the mere facts about a poet's work are as chaff as compared with the appreciation of one line or fine side, if not actually under the bank shoes, her stockings, her fans, her jew- cover the various tints which the well- mer glory. Will you really know it sentence.-John Burroughs.

Post Famed in U. S. History

Governors Island Intimately Associated With Record of Men and Events.

New Yorki-When Maj. Gen. Charles P. Summerall assumed command of the Second corps area recently, succeeding Maj. Gen. Robert Lee Bullard, and set up his headquarters at Governors island he took over one of the most historic posts in the United States, one that has associated with it the names of America's famous generals, past and present.

Generals Hancock, Schofield, Howard, Miles, Merritt, Chaffee, Corbin, Grant, Wood, Bliss and Barry, all of whom have made history in this country, have at one time or another lived in the old colonial house on Governors island that is the home of the commanding general of the Department of the East. Though Governors island has long, since outlived its usefulness us a part of the defenses of New York city, two important events have occurred within recent years that emphasize its value.

The first blow struck by American troops when the United States entered the World war was launched from Goverpors island when at 3:30 a. m. on Good Friday, April 6. 1917, less than half an hour after congress declared United States and the Imperial German and their crews in the harbor.

The other event in which troops from Governors island participated was one of vital interest to New York city, and, in fact, to the whole country. The Wall street explosion occurred about noon on September 16, 1920, and ten ican regiments saw service there. The minutes later the commanding general at Governors island received a tele- and is still known as the King's Royal phone message at his headquarters Rifle corps, of which King George ♥ of from the assistant secretary of the England is the honorary colonel. In treasury asking for troops to protect January, 1921, Field Marshal Lord government property at the sub-treas- Grenfell, colonel in chief of the King's ury and other places. Troops Soon Appeared.

under arms and they arrived at the regiment, the ancient regimental colors

sub-treasury in a little over half an hour from the time the call for help was sent in. The effect of the soldiers upon the enormous throng that had been attracted to the financial district by the explosion was of vital importance, and many prominent bankers and financiers afterward said that scenes of violence and panic were averted

thereby. From the dim past of Indian occupation down through the Dutch period of Van Twiller and Peter Stuyvesant and the days of the English governors, right up to the present time, Governors island has had an unbroken history of official government occupation.

The Indian name for Governors island was "Pagganck," referring to the abundance of nut trees with which it was clothed. The Dutch translated it to "Nutten" and on June 16, 1637. the director and council of New Netherlands, residing on the Island of Manhatas, in the Fort Amsterdam-Bowling Green-published the order according to which two Indians of the Island of Pagganck did "transport, cede, give over and convey to the behoof of Wonter Van Twiller, director of New Netherlands, this island in consideration of certain 'parcels of goods."

In 1698 the Island was set aside by the assembly as part of the "Denizen that a state of war existed between the of His Majestie's Fort at New York for the benefit of His Majestie's Govgovernment, a battation of the One ernors" and so it became known as Hundred and Twenty-second infantry Governors island. The English held embarked on boats of the revenue Governors island until the evacuation service and selzed all the German ships in 1783, and during the period the various governors held the fsland as a perquisite of office.

The records show that Sir William Peperill's regiment was on the island in 1755, and later the Twenty-second, Forty-fourth and the Royal Amerlast named regiment afterward became Royal Rifles or the K. R. R. as they are commonly known, presented in the In 20 minutes' time the troops were names of the officers and men of the

Great Lakes, but also, after the of a century and a half, against , mon enemy in a more terrible pean conflict."

With the evacuation of the forces in 1783 the American arms fortification, with most, drawbridge and postern gate, mor with 100 guns. The name was the tirely completed in its present ! five years afterward. The name retary of War Elihu Root on James 20, 1904. Many old New Yorkers in ever, still recall and use the name h Columbus, which it bore for nearly

Part of Governors Island was re to the United States by the legislati of New York state on February I 1800. The area ceded was 69.8 and This was found inadequate military needs of the department be quarters and the military garrison, so in 1880 a further cession of N acres was made by the legislature

7,026 Characters on

Japanese Typewrite Seattle, Wash .- Japanese ty writers here have only one key, by print 7,026 characters. The opens often writes sixty words a minute which is doubly faster than is possible when printing the characters by had The machine prints from the bottom

of the page to the top and from the

right-hand side to the left.

In addition to the Japanese che acters the quaint typewriter has the English alphabet tucked away 11 corner. The typing characters single bits of steel adjusted in a me able tray so as to be pushed in contact with a ribbon above the paper placed in readiness for the writing

CRIMES ARE SOLVED BY USE OF THE SUPER-MICROSCOPE

Left to right above are shown C. C. Baird of Massachusetts, A. S. Hicker-

son of St. Louis, Fred A. Hoyt of Atlanta, Dr. H. W. Cole of Massachusetts

and Herbert G. Sidebottom of New York, prominent in the conference of the

National Insecticide and Disinfectant association at the Hotel Astor, N. Y.

Various chemicals for the extermination of roaches and bugs are tested and

a thorough study of the fight against cancer and typhoid was made.

Plan Campaign Against Insects

French Police Scientist Detects Murder Clues in Dust Left in Clothing.

New York.-Centuries ago it was considered good police practice to beat achieved by beating his clothing.

body was found the police arrested a prisoner. man who, they ascertained, was an enemy of the dead man. The prisoner stoutly denied his guilt, and the police were unable to shake his story.

Then, according to the Popular Science Monthly, Dr. Edmond Locard, di- Doctor Locard examined the body of rector of the police technical labora- the murdered girl and discovered sevtory at Lyon, took the suspect's coat, eral small scratches on her neck, booty valued at 10,000 year.

Sewer, Beneath London

Forgotten River, Now

land something to think about.

over with houses above it.

placed it in a sack and beat it thoroughly. This he did also with the coat of the dead man. Then he photographed the dust he had collected with a microscopic camera of his invention, which magnified 225 diamea prisoner until he confessed. In ters, or more than 50,000 times. The France today the same result is photographs showed that the two sample scontained wood fibers and charac-In Paris recently a man was found teristic particles of soil that corredead in a deserted spot. He had been sponded exactly with specimens of killed by a blow on the head, and all dust obtained from the place where about the place where the body was the murder was committed. Introdiscovered were evidences of a ter- duced in court, these photographs rific struggle. A few days after the went a long way toward convicting the An even more dramatic use of the

microscopic camera sent to the guillotine a young Lyon bank clerk for the murder of his sweetheart, who had been found strangled in her apartment.

made by the finger nalls of the me derer. Next he obtained a species of dirt from beneath the suspen When this dirt speck was plot

graphed under the microscope ! ceedingly minute bits of torn is were disclosed. Also, there blood corpuscies. Most important all, though, there were small crystal which Doctor Locard established! those of the face powder habitual used by the murdered girl.

In another case a counterfeiter convicted when microscopic pho graphs of a bit of wax from his disclosed telltale streaks of printed ink, particles of dust from a lib graphic stone and traces of the acteristic crystals of a chemical by engravers.

Train Robbers in Japan Tokyo, Japan.-The train robus

made his first appearance in Japa when a bandit boarded a mail car a the Togane line, held up three my clerks with a gun and escaped and

HE GETS HIS THRILL



as Master of Russia Leningrad.—The Revolution 122 seum has received an interesting document from the Moscow govers ment. It is the census return which was filled in by the czaristic family in 1897. The answer of the then and czarina to the question. What Karl Peters, nineteen years old and is your profession?" was: "Master en the road to success in the business mistress of the Russian empire.

world, joined in the holdup of 8 Feb sas City drug store, just for the thal He was caught and sentenced to from ten to twenty-one years in prison Use Catnip in Canada to Aid Fight on Cougan

Victoria, British Columbia.-An & periment in the extermination d ccugars in British Columbia with ci nip has been begun by the provincia game conservation board. A bottle a an extract declared capable of it ing the big cats into places when hunters could easily kill them

received from Washington. Czar Described Self

