

**DOVER-BLAIR
ROWSQUARELY
JPTO HARDING**

Dismissal of Two Presidential Appointees Brings Old Issue to Sharp Crisis.

MELLON MAY RESIGN

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WASHINGTON, May 25.—The Dover-Blair row is squarely up to President Harding. A crisis has been reached in the feud between the two treasury officials as a result of the latest developments, and a showdown seems inevitable. Powerful political influence is being exerted to bring the President to a hand in the affair and settle the long-standing controversy.

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has shown a disposition to get at the bottom of the whole controversy and weigh the evidence presented by both sides. In the absence of Mr. Dover, who is on a tour of inspection of the customs service on the Pacific coast, it was said the President called in his appointees to their views. Mr. Dover is expected back in Washington June 5. Meanwhile it was said he has wired to his friends here.

The rupture in the relations between Mr. Dover and Mr. Blair has been so serious that it is feared the President can no longer remain aloof. The outcome of the quarrel was a matter of wide speculation in official circles. Should the President determine to take a definite stand in the matter, which many high Administration officials believe he must, his decision may have a far-reaching effect.

Because Secretary Mellon has stood firmly behind Mr. Blair throughout his controversy with Mr. Dover, it was pointed out that Mr. Mellon is sure to stand by his aid. On the other hand Mr. Dover aims to hold his present position with strong political backing, including that of Attorney General Daugherty and the powerful group of Senators. Should the President be unable to bring the President to a hand in the affair and settle the long-standing controversy.

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PHILIPPINES' INDEPENDENCE IS FAR DISTANT

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WASHINGTON, May 25.—Independence for the Philippines is a matter which would jeopardize American holdings now, or in the future, is not on the program of the Government. Both President Harding and Secretary Weeks stand squarely back of the Wood-Forbes report on the Philippines and in opposition to the independence movement. The Government's view doubtless is that which is expected in the United States shortly to urge independence. Administration leaders are convinced that the welfare of the islands demands a continuation of American control.

"What the Philippines need most of all is capital for the development of the island's resources," said Secretary Weeks, "and the American capital will not go out there unless a definite policy is maintained and assurance given of stable conditions. The best thing the Philippines could do for themselves is to advocate that the United States remain in the Philippines for the next two or three years. Such an attitude on the part of the natives would go a long way toward bringing capital and enterprise to the islands."

The Secretary of War said that thus far he has not received a communication from the members of the American Chamber of Commerce in Manila regarding the recent decision of their Directors that the territorial government is essential to the islands, owing to the fact that they are part of the American public domain wherein investments were made in good faith. Secretary Weeks indicated, however, that present American investments in the island had nothing to fear from any purchase policy likely to be adopted by the present Administration.

Early today an automobile owned by Mrs. Hattie Meleze, 2711 North Meridian street, was found at Washington street and Capitol avenue. The car had been reported stolen Tuesday night. An automobile which had been parked on Washington street near Capitol avenue for two days was taken to police headquarters. In a box in the car was found a death wreath purchased from a florist at Cleveland, Ohio. The police believe the car was stolen. It bore an Ohio license number.

Two Automobiles Reported Stolen

Two automobiles were stolen last night. Frank Baker, 1635 Woodlawn avenue, asked the police to search for his automobile, which disappeared from Virginia avenue near Washington street. Ralph H. Spence, 3210 North Capitol avenue, said his automobile was taken from Senate avenue and Market street.

Fighting in Streets of Rome Is Fatal

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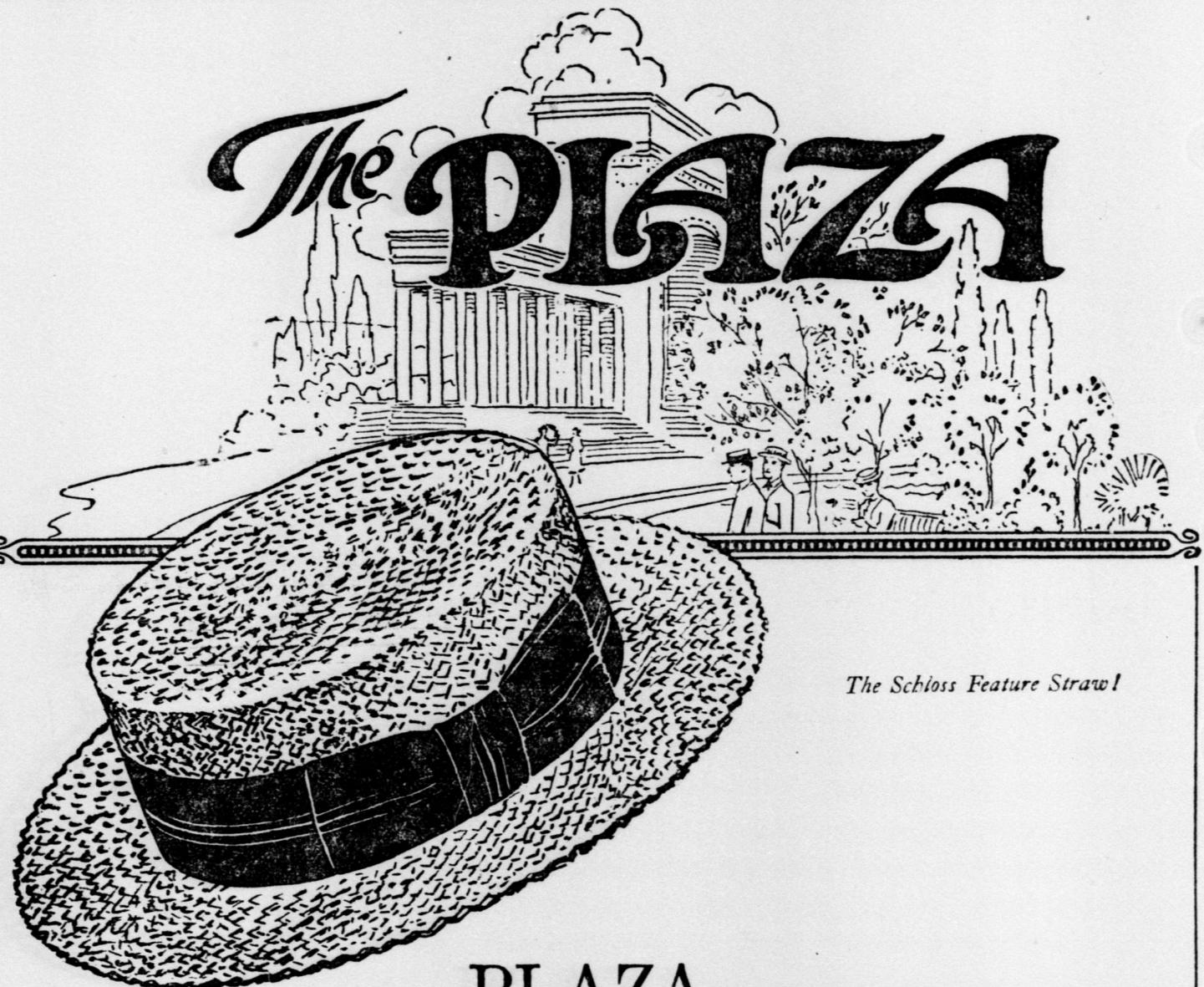
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