

FOOTBALL SQUAD A SUCCESSOR TO TENNIS CABINET

Secretary of Treasury MacVeagh Has Surrounded Himself With Men Famous in the College Game.

ALL OF THEM AGREE
IT IS USEFUL SPORT

Say It Is a Game That Has Made, and Will Continue to Make, Leaders in Business and Politics.

(By Sidney Espey)

Washington, March 12.—Succeeding the "tennis cabinet" of the Roosevelt administration, Secretary of the Treasury, Franklin MacVeagh, has selected for his advisers a group of men, who have been facetiously termed in local financial circles, the "football squad." They are not only young men, capable of a great deal of hustle, but men who have each scored success in the business world as they did during their college careers on the gridiron.

It happens that each one of the under secretaries of the treasury as well as the treasurer of the United States, has been a member of some star football team, and several of them have been leading figures in the greatest games that have been played on the gridiron. Although the members of the secretary's cabinet term as history the grueling milits that they have been through as football players, they nevertheless heartily approve of the strenuous game and count it as one of the "studies" that have made, and will make leaders in the business world.

McClung Yale Stars.

Foremost in athletic stunts among the treasury officials is Lee McClung, treasurer of the United States, who started out in the world 49 years ago in Knoxville, Tenn. After receiving a common school education he matriculated in Yale university. His gridiron career in 1890 and '91 is still remembered as one which brought renown to his college. He was half back and captain for two years of the team as well as captain of the baseball team. After he left college he entered the employ of the St. Paul, Duluth railroad at St. Paul, Minn., and in a few years became paymaster of the road. He later joined Southern Railroad at Nashville, Tenn., afterwards coming to Washington as an assistant to President Franklin. In 1902 he went to Louisville, Ky., as freight traffic manager and two years later was appointed treasurer of Yale college. The next year he came to Washington, having been appointed treasurer of the United States.

His Duties Exacting.

Mr. McClung's duties are manifold and exacting. He has charge of all the monies in the treasury building at Washington and in the various sub-treasuries, mints, and assay offices of the country they are held in his name, amounting to about \$300,000,000. He is only bonded for \$150,000, which is the same bond as was required of the first treasurer of the United States, Michael Hilligas, in 1789, when the treasury was practically empty and government credit was extremely low.

During the course of the day his bureau handles millions of dollars. Redemptions of United States notes often total \$2,000,000 a day; redemption of national bank notes reaches the total of \$2,500,000. The bonds held by the treasurer to secure national bank circulation, together with government deposits kept in the treasury, equals \$7,200,000. To secure general circulation, \$6,800,000 is kept on hand and security for public deposits amounts to \$50,000,000. From the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, \$2,500,000 is brought to the treasurer's office daily where it is stored. Each bank note brought from the bureau bears his name.

Curtiss Harvard Star.

The second college man in the "squad" is James F. Curtiss, thirty-two years old, who comes from Boston. He spent three strenuous years in Harvard on the football field and as a ball player and a golf champion. He arranged the first inter-collegiate golf match and helped his team to victory over Yale a number of times. After his college career he spent his time with a law firm, then as assistant district attorney-general at Boston and three years as district attorney of Suffolk county, Mass., and now as assistant secretary of the treasury. Mr. MacVeagh assigned him to look after the customs. During the course of the year his office nets the United States government a little over \$1,000,000 a day. He has to pass upon every case of disputed claims that come to the treasury department, requiring him to sign his name as an endorsement, over 500 times a day.

Morton Player at Amherst.

The premier of the treasury "cabinet" is Charles M. Norton, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, who is thirty-nine years old. He is entered the business world through an insurance company when quite a boy, but afterward attended Amherst College, graduating in 1893. He was a star football player in his junior year and was a member of the base ball team which established a record on the diamond. After leaving college he engaged in literary work, but gave that up to accept a position as general agent of the insurance company with which he had been previously identified. Last April he was appointed Secretary MacVeagh's "right hand man."

His office deals with the comptroller of the currency, the register of the

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treasury, the bureau of engraving and printing, the mint, loans, appointments, secret service, public monies, stationery and disbursements. In his office about \$1,000,000,000 is handled annually. Disbursements for the army, navy and civil employees of the government is approved and passed on by Mr. Norton. He necessarily depends upon a large clerical duties require him to sign his name to about 1,000 papers a day.

Hillis a Fair Player.

Charles D. Hillis, forty years old, still another member of the "squad" is from Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. During his career in a high school in Belmont county, Ohio and at Oxford College, Maryland, he earned a reputation as an executive in the management of the foot ball team. He was a player of no little merit, usually occupying the position of right end. In 1902 after serving for a number of years as a professor in various colleges, he was elected president of the Children's Village at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.

He designed the buildings that compose the village, numbering about 30, and representing an expenditure of \$1,250,000. The institution was founded by Peter Cooper, and is maintained to take care of the waifs of the streets of New York and educate them. In April, 1909, he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the treasury. About a month ago President Taft offered him the position of surveyor of the port of New York, which he declined.

He Has Many Duties.

As assistant secretary of the treasury he has charge of the internal revenue, the office of supervising architect, general management of the construction of public buildings, the Life Saving Service, Revenue Cutter service and the public health and marine hospital service.

The real work of the "squad," as accomplished under direct supervision of Secretary MacVeagh, to whom everything is brought for final approval. As this entails a great deal of work on the secretary, a scheme has been devised to proportion the work among the other secretaries. The secretary each Monday and Thursday holds a general business consultation with these officers. Suggestions are made and the general work of the treasury considered.

With the new methods put into vogue by the new officials since their advent into office, sweeping changes have been made in the treasury routine business methods have succeeded old style ideas while official "red tape" has been greatly reduced.

HIT THE \$11 MARK

Hogs That Were Formerly Considered Poor Reach \$10.80 Point.

SUPPLY WAY BELOW PAR

(American News Service)

Chicago, March 12.—The \$11 hog ushered itself in on the Chicago market today. Receipts fell away to 5,000, and of these two car loads brought the top price.

Eastern demand was unabated with utter impossibility to meet it.

Hogs that in past years would have been considered decidedly poor quality sold at \$10.80. Shippers to the east were apparently willing to pay almost any price for pork of any sort.

Further diminution in supply with another rise is looked for Monday. Packers assert that "shilling pork" is only a few days distant. They look for \$12.50 by the end of the week.

100 acres fine land that is black, 14 miles south of Minot at \$18.00 per acre on time, with a small payment down. C. G. Richards, Minot, N. Dakota.

BIG SHORTAGE STIRS FRANCE

Paris, March 12.—Revelations following the arrest of M. Duez, judicial trustee of the Tribunal of the Seine, and formerly liquidator of the properties of dispossessed religious organizations, who is charged with the embezzlement of \$1,000,000 have caused a great sensation in France.

It is predicted that they will have a disastrous effect on the government's chances in the coming elections. There is indignation in many quarters that the property wrested from the religious bodies, which in many cases was devoted to relieving the necessities of the sick and poor, should have been allowed, as is charged, to be frittered away in speculation and dissipation.

According to the newspapers Duez's defalcations now prove to be nearer \$2,000,000, than \$1,000,000. It is said the money was in nowise all lost in bourse transactions. Some of it was invested in real estate by Duez for his own benefit, it is alleged.

Say Woman Got Large Sums.

It is declared also that he lavished immense sums on Mlle. Peirle, a notorious and beautiful demi-mondaine. Many invoices of jewelry were found among his papers. These and other gifts to Mlle. Peirle in the last few months are said to have amounted to \$12,000. Duez also maintained a villa on the Riviera.

The details of his alleged treatment of the church property make amazing reading. There is much talk of other arrests. It seems, according to the allegations, Duez shared his plunder with unscrupulous lawyers and others. The Republican press finds no words of excuse for the disgraced official and lay much of the responsibility for the condition of affairs upon the immense amount of work assigned to a single liquidator. At the same time the papers accord the government praise for exposing the scandal on the eve of the general elections.

Opposition Press Glee.

The Catholic and Royalist opposition press manifests glee over the exposure, which, they declare, confirms the suspicions long entertained that the property of the churches, monasteries, and convents expropriated by the state, instead of furnishing \$200,000,000 for old age pensions and other social reforms, had disappeared into the pockets of politicians.

The L'Action Francaise remarks cynically: "Duez, being charged by the government to steal the church's property can hardly be blamed for taking a part of the booty for himself."

The cabinet considered the affair today and decided to detail auditors from the ministry of finance to inspect all of the accounts, and to place an inspector from the ministry at the disposition of the court which is investigating Duez. The latter's house has been searched and his safe deposit box at his bank placed under seals.

The Twilight of Life.

The muscles of the stomach in old age are as strong or active as in youth and in consequence old people are very subject to constipation and indigestion. Many seldom have a bowel movement without artificial aid. Many also, have unpleasant eructations of gas from the stomach after eating. All this can be avoided by the use of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin which permanently regulates the bowels so that passages come naturally, and so strengthen the stomach that food is digested without discomfort. Druggists sell it at 50 cents or \$1 a large bottle.

SAYS HER MOTHER STOLE HER HUBBY

Detroit Woman Says Her Mother Did This to Be Revenged on Her.

GIVEN A DIVORCE DECREE

SHE WAS WARNED THAT HER PARENT HAD DESIGNS ON HER MATE, BUT DID NOT HEED THE COMMON GOSSIP.

(American News Service)

Detroit, Mich., March 12.—Mrs. Geo. Wardell, the beautiful young woman who created a sensation in the divorce court last month by stating that her husband had eloped with her mother, got a decree today. She told on the witness stand how her mother long ago, had vowed vengeance upon her for siding with her father in family disputes and how the revenge was taken by stealing her husband's love.

"When Raymond was born," she said, "she came to our house and no one knew enough to send her away. That's when she got George in her clutches, and she never let go. Friends of mine would tell me that I'd better keep my eyes open, but I refused to believe gossip. My mother had the nerve to lecture me about not being strict enough with George. Nights when they had been out together, as I learned later, she would tell me that if George were her husband there wouldn't be such things going on."

The night of June 21 he stayed out, until 2 in the morning. He told me he had been bowling down town. A friend of mine told me to look in his pockets. I found two notes, one making a date with my mother for the night before and the other telling of their plans to run away together. I went up stairs and asked again.

"Where did you say you were last night?"

"Bowling," he said. "Then I showed him the notes. They fled the same day. I got one letter from George, dated at Chicago the day after he went away."

THE MICROBES.

But For Them All Green Plants Would Vanish From The Earth.

Few persons can realize at first what an immense number and variety of microbes there are not only around us in the air and dust and water, but also in us and on us and in and on every living thing. The work, the huge system of chemical change and the circulation of the elements—carbon, oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen and sulphur—which they carry on is incessant, varied and complex. Those five elements are the main and essential constituents of all living things. Supposing there were no microbes, there would be no putrefaction, no breaking down of the dead bodies of animals and plants which were once alive into gas and substances soluble in water.

They by a series of steps in which different kinds of bacteria or microbes are successively concerned convert the proteins and the fats and sugars of dead plants and animals into less elaborate bodies, organic acids, aromatic bodies and other compounds (some highly poisonous to man), and at last, when what were highly complex combinations of hundreds of atoms in each molecule have been reduced by the action of first one and then of another kind of microbe into comparatively simple substances of twenty or thirty atoms to the molecule, the coup de grace is given by certain special microbes which convert these later compounds into still simpler combinations—namely, ammonia and nitrates, which are fairly stable, so that the whole elaborate chemical fabric of living matter in a few hours or days after death is broken down until it reaches the stable "mineral" condition, practically carbonate and nitrate of ammonia—smelling salts.

If there were no microbes this would never occur. The earth would be covered with the dead bodies of past generations of animals and plants—undecomposed. And very soon all the organic elements, all the carbon and oxygen, on the face of the earth would be fixed in these corpses, and the green plants would perish from the whole world for want of sustenance, for it is the green plants which feed on and absolutely must have as their food the carbonic acid, ammonia and nitrates into which the microbes resolve all living things when dead. It is the green plants which from these simple compounds build up again the more complex molecules, the sugars, fats, albumens and proteins and provide for the nourishment and increase of the most complex of all—the living matter hidden in protoplasm.—Sir Ray Lankester in London Telegraph.

What a pessimist Brown is! "What's the matter now?" "He even bewails the fact that he can't live to collect his life insurance."

—Detroit Free Press.

Some men can't even find fault without acting as though they had discovered something to be proud of.

HOPPE WANTS ALL TITLES.

Young Cue Artist Will Go After 181 and 182 Balk Line Titles.

Willie Hoppe, the youthful billiard expert, who plays George Sutton for the 181 balk line title in Chicago March 16, intends to get all the championships within the next few months if he can.

If Hoppe defeats Sutton in their 500 point match the young expert will issue a challenge at once to the holder at that time of the 182 title, an honor for which Cline and Cutler are to play on the Pacific coast.

In addition to that, Hoppe will renew his offer to play any man living at three cushions, the red ball and any other game on the billiard table. He will offer to wager \$5,000 against \$4,000 with any man living on the balk line game, any style, of six nights' duration.

Hoppe's tour has been successful to a high degree. Willie has Ora Morningstar as a playing partner, and as both men are in grand condition they are putting up excellent billiards in all



WILLIE HOPPE, NOW AFTER 181 AND 182 BALK LINE BILLIARD HONORS.

the cities they have visited. This should help him in his match with Sutton.

Hoppe is a widely known billiardist. As a boy his skill won him a place among the best, and with the passing of time his game has improved to its present point. It was he who went to Paris and wrested the 181 championship from Vignaux early in 1906 and returned it to this country. But probably the most spectacular thing he ever succeeded in doing was defeating Demarest, who won the world's championship tourney this year, at the odds of 181 to 142 in a game of 2,400 points in Chicago two years ago.

MOTORBOAT RACE IN RAPIDS

Death Defying Contest to Take Place at Niagara Next Summer.

Motorboat enthusiasts will be interested in a queer contest to take place through the Niagara rapids next summer. The boat making the best time in a run from below the falls and ending at Lewiston will win a \$500 gold cup and \$1,000. A race of this death defying character is supposed to test the nerve of any genuine sportsman. The race is being promoted by John A. Penten of Cleveland, and to date he has received ten entries.

The names of the boat owners who will make the daring trip are: Henry G. Dillon, Indianapolis; Captain H. G. Gott, Detroit; John Kirk and C. P. Larson, Cleveland; A. A. Blanchard, Oak Harbor, O.; C. E. Weaver, Syracuse; William H. Gates, pilot, and James Hammill, engineer, East Lake Road, Pa.; Walter Stewart, Galveston; Hugo Engstrom, St. Louis, and E. A. Von Kaelen, Minneapolis.

REVIVE BASKETBALL LEAGUE.

Eastern Colleges Expect to Bring Out Organization Dead Since 1907.

The Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball league, which went out of existence in 1907, probably will be revived for the season of 1910-11, according to an announcement made in New York recently. The prospective membership includes Yale, Princeton, Columbia and Pennsylvania, with the possible addition of Cornell and Harvard.

The league was suspended at a time when basketball was attracting unfavorable attention because of its roughness. The collegians believe that by the next season the rules committee will have worked up a game that will meet all requirements.

Cheek Living Up to His Name.

Catcher Cheek is living up to his name. He has written President Felt of the Philadelphia Nationals that the regular catchers will have to hustle to keep him on the bench.

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FOR REVENGE MAN MURDERS A WOMAN

Ex-convict Slays the Wife of the Man Whom He Bore Grudge Against.

CRIME WAS TERRIBLE ONE

KITCHEN WAS BESMEARED WITH BLOOD AND THE UPTURNED CHAIRS INDICATED A TERRIBLE CONTEST.

(American News Service)

Alton, Ill., March 12.—Mrs. Cora Crofton, aged thirty, wife of Peter Crofton, was fatally wounded Saturday noon by Ollis Nickish, aged twenty-five, cousin of her husband's first wife. Motive was revenge. Streaming with blood she appeared at the back door of her neighbor, Mrs. Latay, and fell fainting. Her throat was cut from ear to ear with a butcher knife. She was able to gasp only "Ollis Nickish!" The story of the assault was gleaned by asking questions and permitting her to nod her head.

Nickish served several terms in the Pontiac reformatory for stealing jewelry from Crofton, who raised him when his first wife was living and while in the reformatory he swore to be revenged. When he returned a year ago, Crofton ordered him off the place and he was not seen again until today.

Ezra Pierce, a neighbor, saw Nickish enter the house as Mrs. Crofton went into the back yard. The kitchen was besmeared with blood and upturned chairs indicated a terrible struggle. Mrs. Crofton's waist was torn off her body and she bore many bruises. After the attack Mrs. Crofton jumped out of the kitchen window and crawled to her neighbors, who say her larynx is severed and she cannot live.

Nickish is being sought by Deputy Sheriff Crowe and a posse. Before leaving he looted a dresser drawer and took two gold watches and three dollars.

MASONIC CALENDAR.

Monday, March 14—Richmond Commandery, No. 8, K. T. Work in Red Cross degree.

Tuesday, March 15—Richmond Lodge No. 196, F. & A. M. Work in Fellow Craft degree.

Wednesday, March 16—Webb Lodge, No. 24, F. & A. M. Stated meeting. Saturday, March 19—Loyal Chapter, No. 49, O. E. S. Stated Meeting.

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