

CABINET QUIZES WORRY OFFICERS

Calling from House Investigating Committees Are Expected.

SECY KNOX UP TWICE

Not a Cabinet Official Who Has Escaped—For Political Effect.

BY JONATHAN WINFIELD.

Washington, July 29.—Never in the history of the government have cabinet officials and administrative officers been so closely tied to their posts of duty as since the House of Representatives made good on its promise to start an investigation of every department of the government service.

Those cabinet members who have not already been placed on the grill by some House investigating committee are momentarily expecting to be called. Records are being raked over, much data compiled, and testimony has been adduced at the command of the Democratic investigating bodies, each of which has been clothed with plenary power to compel the attendance of any witness desired.

Secretary of State Knox has appeared twice before the House committee investigating the State Department. Under officials of the State Department have been upon the witness stand time and time again, and the committee has but fairly started its probe into the alleged irregularities of the administration.

Troubles of Wickersham.

The Attorney General has been before the House Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Justice and has been required to tell why the department permitted a settlement of the sugar trusts customs frauds in New York, and, in addition, why the Attorney General has spent so much of the people's money in paying big fees to trust busters, such as Frank B. Kellogg, Henry L. Stimson and J. C. McReynolds.

The Secretary of the Navy has likewise appeared before the Democratic committee which is prying into the affairs of the department presided over by Mr. Meyer. The committee is not through with its investigation, and reserves the right to subpoena the Secretary again at any time.

Secretary Nagel has appeared twice before the rules committee of the House, which is considering a resolution demanding a thorough investigation of the immigration service. The secretary is also subject to call by the Committee on Expenditures of the Department of Commerce and Labor, which is just now attempting to ascertain the truth of charges that the Department has permitted the promiscuous stamping of seals on the Pribiloff Islands, in Alaska.

Secretary Fisher has been placed on the list of witnesses to be examined by the House committee on expenditures in the interior department, which is now investigating the Controller's scandal. The secretary has been before the committee already and is to be in readiness whenever the committee desires his testimony hereafter.

How to Remove A Bad Complexion

(From London Fashion)

Cosmetics can never really help a poor complexion; often they are positively harmful. The sensible, rational way is to actually remove the thin veil of stifling, half-dead scarf skin from the face and give the fresh, vigorous and beautiful young skin underneath a chance to show itself and to breathe.

This is best done in a very simple way, by merely applying mercolized wax at night, like cold cream, and washing it off in the morning. Good mercolized wax can be obtained from any well stocked druggist. It absorbs the disfiguring cuticle gradually and harmlessly, leaving a brilliant natural complexion. Of course this also takes with it all such facial blemishes as red blotches, tan, moth patches, sallowness, liver spots, pimples, etc. As a freckle remover and general complexion beautifier this old fashioned remedy is unequalled.

it to the house committee investigating the treasury department, the supervising architect, assistant secretaries and others connected with the administration of the department have also been examined and all of them may be recalled.

Chief Clerk Weed, of the postoffice department, spent eight days upon the witness stand before the committee inquiring into the postmaster general's administration of that department. The committee indicated that it will want to hear the postmaster general himself before the probe is concluded. The postmaster general is accused of building up a political machine at the expense of efficiency in service, this charge being in addition to those that, despite the claim that the postal deficit has been wiped out, numerous extravagances in the department still exist.

Major General Wood, chief of staff, has appeared before both the house military affairs committee and the committee on expenditures in the war department.

Wilson to be Panned

Secretary Wilson is to appear before the committee which has already begun an investigation of his department and also of the charges made against Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the pure food expert, who is being fought by the various "interests" who are opposed to a strict interpretation of the pure food and drug law.

Courtesy and custom exempts the President of the United States from appearing before an investigating committee of congress, but, were it not for this, it is probable that President Taft himself would have personal and direct knowledge of the thoroughness of the several probes started by the Democratic house.

It has been forty years since any systematic investigation of the new administration of the various departments has been attempted. Before the November elections, the Democrats promised that if they were placed in power in the house they would undertake a wholesale investigation of the red tape and the waste alleged to have been fostered through continued Republican rule.

At the time the threat was not taken seriously, but no sooner had the Democrats come into power than the machinery of investigations was put in motion, and the various committees began to vie with one another in the thoroughness of the probes.

This has meant work for the cabinet officers. They have been forced to dig into records that have been forgotten and have been required to furnish the house with information on both complicated and incriminating. If the information desired has not been promptly forthcoming, the House committees have seemed inclined to send "hurry up" summons and the cabinet officials and their underlings have been kept on the jump.

Disconcerts Republicans.

Of course there is considerable resentment in Republican ranks, but it is unavailing. The Democrats, in the House at least, have the upper hand, and there remains nothing for the cabinet officers to do except to remain at their desks and send over such data as may be commanded by the Democrats.

It has been a hard summer on the President and his official family. Vacations have been delayed and the happy-go-lucky existence they have enjoyed under the long rule of the Republican party is no more. Every cabinet officer is on the anxious seat, not knowing where the Democratic lightning will strike next. The Presidential campaign comes next year and it is incumbent upon the Administration to make the best showing possible, hence the Democratic investigators have to be handled with gloves, and the Administration must at least show a willingness to give the investigating committees all the aid possible.

At the same time there are about nine cabinet officers who wish that Congress would adjourn in order that they might steal away to the mountains and the seashore, and forget all about charges of irregularity and extravagance in the departments.

SAD ILLUSIONMENTS OF MRS. McALLISTER

Believing she has visited heaven and has seen all the sights excepting the gold paved streets, is the sad illusionment of Mary E. McAllister of Jefferson township. She has been declared insane and will be admitted to Eastern Indiana hospital soon. She has other hallucinations, including visitations from robbers. The woman is 68 years old.

Narcomania Tobacum

(Written for the Palladium
by J. M. T.)

HEREDITARY EFFECTS OF TOBACCO.

As quoted from an eminent medical works in previous article, the tissues of the tobacco-user are found to be saturated with the many poisonous principles of the weed, by treating them with potassium, the peculiar odor of tobacco is freely given off. The protoplasm or living-matter, the essential element of organic growth and development in all living things from the least to the greatest, as well as the primal cause of all functional action and efficiency; this marvelous plastic living matter forms the nucleus of central life-activity of every cell, tissue, and structure of the living body; it is exceedingly active in cell-proliferation forming all the various and varied tissues, structures, and organs making up the systematic living body during the developing stage of infant life. This primordial protoplasmic beginning of life is furnished by the parents, and as the fountain cannot raise higher than the fountain-head, so, also the man or woman cannot possibly transcend in physical and mental prowess the utmost limits of its protoplasmic heredity; notwithstanding the most favorable environments of education and culture, which may uplift the individual much above the parental capabilities, yet the stern unrelenting inevitable law of heredity proclaims, "Thus Far and No Further!"

We resemble our parents just the same internally as externally. And why? Because the very warp and woof of primal life-beginning is the potential furnished by parents. While science now knows that heredity does not mean a direct transference of disease of "taints of blood effects of doubt, and sins of will," from parents to offspring, and that eugenics or environments and education have very much to do with evil eugenics or heredity, but that it is simply a physical impossibility to transcend the eternal and inevitable law; "Thou shalt bow down thyself unto them (habit-forming drugs) nor serve them (becoming a narcomaniac); for I, Jehovah thy God (of thy health and efficiency), am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers (physiological violations, sins against the body, defiling the temple of God) upon the children, and upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate me" (and my physiological laws, right-living physically and mentally).

Dutonomy, 5, 9. The parentheses are ours.

Should anyone care to investigate this most important subject of heredity as modern science views it, we would urgently recommend "First, principles of Heredity," by S. Her-

bert, M. D., M. R. S. C., L. R. C. P. London, Adam and Charles Hill. American agents, The Macmillan company. Effects of Tobacco on Brain Development.

Of course the day is passed when the mind is believed to be an independent entity from the body; the mind is the functioning of the numerous and widely distributed parts of the nervous system coordinated by and in abeyance to the brain-centres and spinal cord, collectively called the cerebro-spinal axis. One at all informed would as soon think of the heart, lungs, the respiratory murmur, the voice, as being things independent of the body as to say the mind does not depend upon the body for any and all mental work. If it was otherwise, as Shakespeare suggests, the liar could lie in the grave as well as lie out of it.

The first of life-development is the brain and spinal cord, in other words that intelligent principle inherent in every living thing, vaguely termed, "nature," forcing that every function of the body; all physical and mental efficiency, must depend on the integrity of the nervous system with the brain and spinal cord; so that at birth the infant possesses all the elements of the nervous system complete, as many nerves, the spinal cord as it will be all through life, the brain with as many neurons or brain-cells as it will ever have; and it only remains for the proper growth and development of these organs for good, or for bad, depending primarily altogether on heredity.

But, leaving heredity entirely out of consideration, and taking into account only the biologic fact of the marvelous susceptibility of the developing child-brain, and rapidly unfolding of the child-mind to good or to evil environments; the boy or girl commencing the use of tobacco at seven or eight years, will soon become deceitful, untruthful, loses all moral and religious sense, the ethical obligations, becoming self centered, and if escaping the insane asylum, or penitentiary, at the age of 20 or 25 is dwarfed physically, mentally, an undesirable citizen as a rule. Now the unobservant tobacco-deciple will say why, I have used tobacco ever since I can remember, my Father can't remember when he commenced. In reply, as already seen the narcomaniac is incompetent to testify in a court of physiologic justice; if the sane non-user of tobacco will candidly compare the average man at 20, and 50 years of age who has been a total abstainer from the use of all habit-forming drugs, with the tobacco narcomaniac at the same age, who commenced at six or seven, with very few exceptions, the difference in physical and mental health, vigor and good-citizenship is very apparent.

Ethical Effects of Tobacco.

The tobacco narcotian is supersensitive as to his own personal rights and liberty the nicotine-saturated neurons or brain cells become so chronically hyperaemic or blood-crowded, that he is very jealous and neurotic when im-

aginary trespasses on his personal rights are threatened; but the narcomaniac is absolutely mentally myopic or near-sighted in his mind, cannot see a sign, "No Smoking Allowed," will not think of asking, "is tobacco smoke, or tobacco spit offensive to you?" Simply lights the cigar, or squirts vile tobacco juice, any where and everywhere with the utmost complacency; and should one have the temerity to speak of the nuisance, his royal nicotine excellence is superlatively indignant. A few nights ago, the writer paid for a sleeper birth from Dayton to Toledo, a tobacco narcomaniac with a fresh lighted cigar went in the car at the same time and took the birth opposite, asked if he in-

tended to smoke in his berth, with a murderous look he sneeringly replied, "I won't burn you up." To accommodate his nicotine highness, we sit up in the far end of the car all night, much preferring to sit and and quietly dose than to lay near a smoke-hog.

Sociological Effects of Tobacco. It is a sociological truism that a nation cannot rise above its average citizenship; in the writer's opinion, the growing prevalence of tobacco narcomania, and its eventual effects on civilization, is more pronounced than any other form of narcomania. China today in a death struggle with opium narcomania, if she does not also banish tobacco from the Empire, will find in the end a worse enemy in tobacco.

narcomania. England has at last awakened to the fact that her fast waning citizenship of mental and physical health and efficiency is due as much if not more to nicotine.

If Spain would candidly study the deeper causes of her faded splendor and power, she would find no small share due to the grandee who introduced into the realm the "vile weed."

If the candid student of comparative sociology will carefully study and compare the tobacco-using peoples, with the non-using nations, he will find a marked difference in all that goes to make up a physically and mentally strong honest God-fearing nation. Aff-

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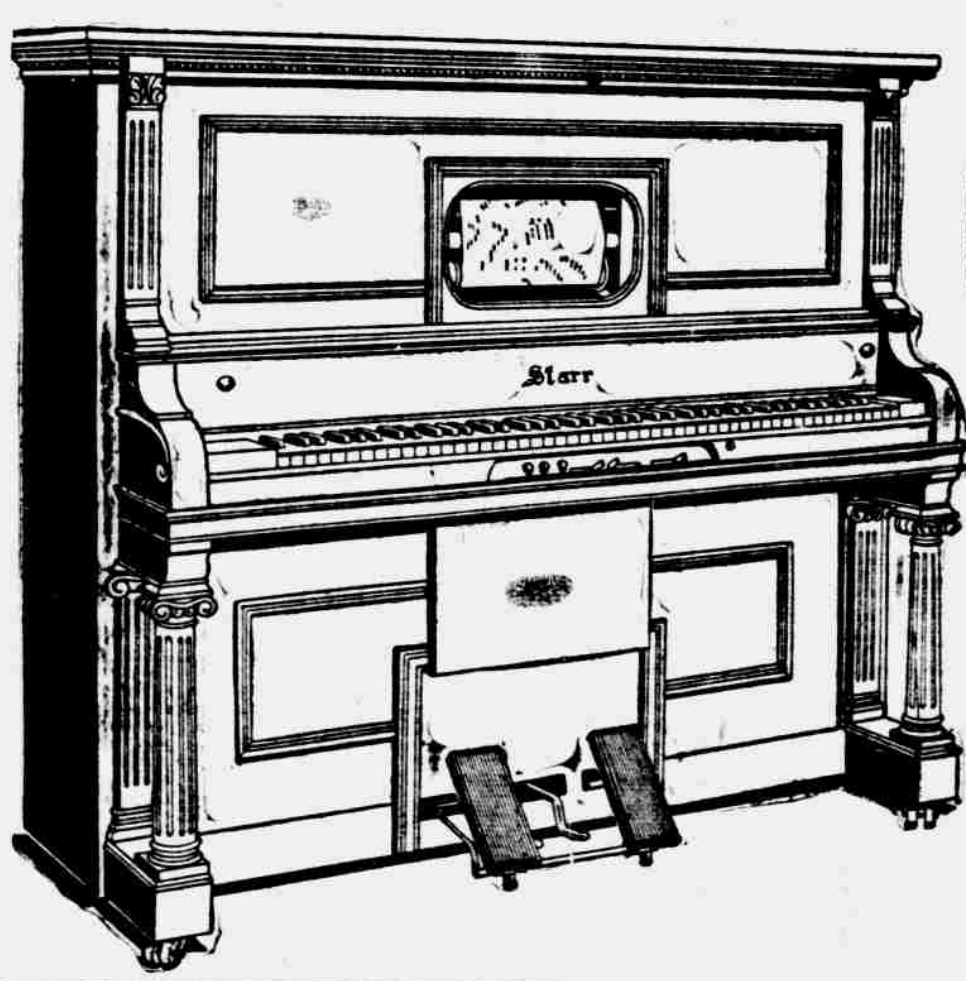


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