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## HARDING IS NOT THINKING OF CABINET

President-elect Holds Cards in Choosing Official Family —Will Be Free From "Geographical" Considerations.

## TOLLS COME TO FRONT

[By MARK SULLIVAN.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19.— Senator Harding is on the sea, bound for Panama. He says he is giving no thought to cabinet appointments.

A good many politicians at home, however, are acting as if cabinet appointments were already being made. They could not be more energetic if it were known that Senator Harding is going to hand out his completed list when he gets off the boat on his return home, December 4. But there is better evidence that what Senator Harding says about the state of his own mind is a simple statement of fact. And it could readily turn out that the energy of those who seek cabinet appointments, and of their friends, may be handicap rather than a help.

A man who goes into the White House with such an emphatic commission as Senator Harding enjoys, backed by the authority of so huge a popular majority, has no need to placate minor or local leaders, and is not in position to be the victim of pressure. So far as that goes, men of the calibre fit a big cabinet do not urge themselves, and do not allow their friends to urge them. Most of the seeking is done by those who are less likely.

### Many Names Listed.

A careful compiler has listed 70 names that have been "mentioned" for the ten cabinet positions. Fully sixty-five of those names represent the cases of local party leaders who are given a friendly boost by their home newspapers on the ground of local patriotism, or minor leaders to whom a friendly newspaper man can pay a harmless courtesy without doing any specific injury to veracity by saying they are cabinet "possibilities."

Mr. Harding in selecting his cabinet is in a position unique among recent presidents. His majority was so large and his leadership is so secure that he does not need to make cabinet appointments on the basis of securing the co-operation of factions whose opposition might embarrass him, which, for example, "is fair to assume" was the motive President Wilson had in making Bryan Secretary of State.

### No Thought to Politics.

Neither does a president, whose franchise from the public is so all-embracing that it includes unprecedent majorities in every State except 10, and who even in the South secured an endorsement no other Republican ever had, need to take into serious account the factor, universally taken for granted, of "geographical considerations."

Senator Harding says also that he is giving no thought to politics, and the evidence of those around him is that this also is a simple and accurate expression of his state of mind. Many assume that Senator Harding chose Panama as the objective of his recreation trip because in his campaign he laid so much emphasis on the exemption of American coastwise ships from tolls in the Canal and wants to familiarize himself with conditions there preparatory to a prompt and energetic urging of that measure as one of the first acts of his Presidency.

### Tolls Come to Front.

The fact is that in Senator Harding's mind Panama as a place to go on a seas trip for a recreation, and Panama as a subject of policy, have little except an accidental relation to each other. Nevertheless it can be counted on with confidence that the Panama tolls act will be very much to the front as soon as Mr. Harding becomes president.

It will be to the front partly because the new president's heart is in it, and partly because it is a subject as to which some strong leaders of his party differ with him. The Panama tolls act affects our foreign relations and American history, both recent and past, proves that as provocative of excited political discussion an issue dealing with foreign affairs takes precedence over everything else.

There is much to say, and much will be said as to just why President Wilson persuaded the Senate in 1914 to take steps it is now proposed to repeal and to withdraw the exemption from tolls which American ships then enjoyed; why the subject lapsed from 1914 to 1920; why it was resurrected in the Republican platform last June and what individuals were responsible for that resurrection, and why it came about that Senator Harding made this campaign. However, that will all come in due course, and with infinite and acrimonious details.

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**Some Moderate Business Saws Commercial Bulletin**

ROSTON, Nov. 19.—The Commercial bulletin tomorrow will say business in wool in the American market this week has been less active although there has been some business in a moderate way. Prices are showing a tendency downward all over the world. Australian cables indicate a lower tendency and the same is true in South Africa and South America while London has ruled dull and irregular. The goods market is still dull and unsettled although the annual cuts in prices by the wholesale clothiers is taken as a good omen. Talk of an early tariff action is also encouraging the trade somewhat.

## Mail Car Robbery Is Cleared In Council Bluffs

(By Associated Press)

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Nov. 19.—Seven more arrests, one confession, the recovery of a large amount of money, all in ten-dollar bills, and the discovery of an automobile last night resulted today in clearing up the mystery surrounding the \$3,500,000 mail car robbery in the local yards Saturday night.

Two of the men, T. A. Daly and H. A. Reed, are white and the others are negroes. The money was recovered from a chicken house at the Daly home following the confession of Reed who rooms at Daly's. The total amount of money recovered was not announced by officials this morning. Ten persons in all are under arrest and will be given a hearing before United States Commissioner W. A. Byers tomorrow.

## GERMANY'S ADMISSION URGED BEFORE LEAGUE BY BRITISH MEMBER

GENEVA, Nov. 19.—Immediate admission of Germany and the former enemy states to the League of Nations was urged before the assembly of the league today by George N. Barnes, the British delegation representing Great Britain. Mr. Barnes said he knew the great majority of them demanded that all the enemy states be admitted without delay. The British delegates recalled the fact that Germany had taken part already in the deliberations of the international labor bureau established by the league.

At the opening of today's session of the assembly of the League of Nations Paul Hymans, the president, read a reply from President Wilson to the message sent to Washington by the assembly on Monday.

George Nicoll Barnes, a British delegate, then took the floor to begin discussion of the report of the council of the league.

**Dwells on Armenia.**

Mr. Barnes dwelt especially on the necessity of lending assistance to the Armenians.

"They are," he declared, "hemmed in by the brutal Bolsheviks on one side

and by inhuman beings on the other." The labor chapter would become the most important part of the treaty of Versailles, Mr. Barnes predicted.

"There can be no permanent peace in the world," he said, "until there is industrial peace; and there can be no industrial peace until labor gets a better share of the product of its efforts."

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**HITTLE BLOCK SOLD TO AMERICAN TRUST & SAVINGS COMPANY**

ON BOARD PARISMINA, Nov. 19.—By Wireless to the A. P.—President-elect Harding and his party enjoyed balmy gulf breezes under a clear sky today while the ship plowed its way toward Panama.

The deal was one of the largest real estate transactions consummated here, involving the transfer of \$105,000. The building was purchased from the heirs of Mrs. Anna C. Hittle, who erected the building in 1870.

Half of the building was purchased about six months ago, the bank paying Mrs. Ella Cobb, of Philadelphia, \$50,000 for her share in the structure. The other heirs, Robert L. Study and Guy Study received \$55,000 for their share in the building Friday.

Purchase of this property gives the American Trust and Savings company bank one of the largest and best business sites in the city. Officials said Friday that the structure would be worked over into one of the most modern buildings in the city. Three houses on Main street and nine on Ninth street are located within its walls.

The deal was put through with a view to the eventual expansion of the bank, plans for which are now contemplated, officials said, although no immediate steps will be taken to enlarge its present quarters.

A 90-foot frontage on Main street, and frontage extending north to the alley on Ninth are included in the purchase.

**CHILEAN ENVOY NOMINATED**

SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 19.—Francisco Hivas Vicuna, at present Chilean minister to Japan, was nominated by the president today to be minister to Cuba and Venezuela.

## Weather Forecast

**MOORE'S SPECIAL FORECAST**

Mild weather will continue for the next 24 to 36 hours, with south and southwest winds.

**For Indiana by the United States Weather Bureau**—Fair tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight.

**Temperature Yesterday**

Maximum ..... 41

Minimum ..... 20

Today ..... 59

**For Wayne County by W. E. Moore**

Partly cloudy but mostly fair tonight and Saturday; continued mild temperature.

**Weather Conditions**—The weather is now generally fair over the United States, except in the far northwest and Pacific coast states, where heavy rain storms are now in progress. Inland summer weather covers the western plains states from the Dakotas to Texas. Following are figures showing the highest temperatures Thursday, at the respective places: Havre, Mont., 58; Rapid City, S. D., 60; North Platte, Neb., Denver, Col., Dark City, Kas., all 68; Omaha, Neb., and Cheyenne, Wyo., 60; Concordia, Kas., 70.

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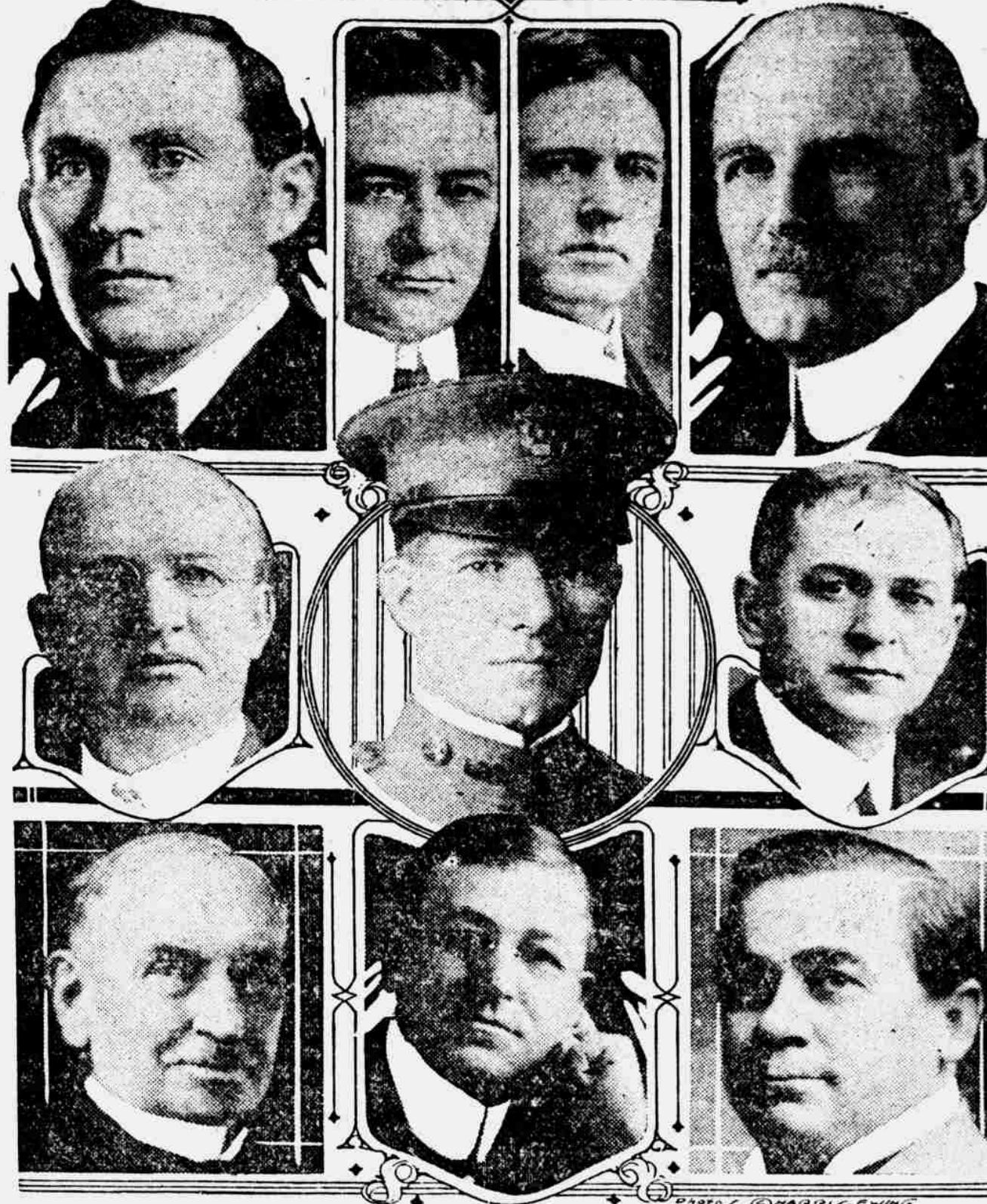
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## Portraits of New Faces in Newly Elected Republican House



These photos from Washington show a few of the new representatives making arrangements for residing in Washington during the first session of congress under the new administration. Left to right, above: Thomas A. Chandler, first district, Oklahoma; G. K. Favrot, sixth district, Louisiana; Walter M. Chandler, nineteenth district, New York; Middle row: J. M. Nelson, third district, Wisconsin; Maj. L. A. Frothingham, fourteenth district, Mass.; R. O. Woodruff, tenth district, Mich. Below: Theodore Burton, twenty-second district, Ohio; P. J. Ten Eyck, twenty-eighth district, New York; D. E. Garrett, eighth district, Texas.

## MINING PROPERTIES IN COAHUILA STATE RETURNED TO OWNERS

(By Associated Press)

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 19.—Mining properties in the state of Coahuila, which for several weeks have been under government protection as a measure of safety during the strike of coal miners there, were returned to their owners yesterday by a decree issued by Governor Luis Gutierrez of Coahuila. Workmen who desire to return to their tasks were by the decree assured of ample protection and the owners received guarantees against necessities.

There are a number of children included among the members of the club and several boys and girls saved enough money last summer to buy their school books and winter clothing.

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