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## TEAMWORK OF HOOVER IS DOUBTED

Mark Sullivan Says—Food Administrator May Not Possess Ability to Work With Other Men.

## IS MENTIONED OFTEN

By MARK SULLIVAN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—Herbert Hoover is mentioned for the cabinet more often than any other man and is mentioned for more posts than any one else. Occasionally he is mentioned for secretary of state. That suggestion is rather far-fetched. Of course, it isn't indispensable that the secretary of state should be a lawyer—John Hay was not. But that qualification is pretty essential, especially in an administration during which, if the program of the Republican leaders goes through, international law is for the first time to be reduced to a formal code, as an incident of the International Association for preserving peace.

Hoover is mentioned also for secretary of the interior, for secretary of commerce, and for secretary of labor. Hoover is a very able man. It isn't quite the same kind of ability the public attributes to him and he has been at a disadvantage in the public expecting him to be the thing that he really is not. Occasionally when Hoover comes into direct personal contact with the public, there is a sense of disappointment. The reason is that Hoover as a legend is one thing. And the real Hoover is another. The real Hoover is just as impressive as the legendary Hoover, but sometimes disappointingly different.

### Regarded as Hero.

Because of the associations with which Hoover first came into public eye—as the Almoner of starving Belgium and that sort of thing—people think of him as a person of great personal benevolence, as a kind of cross between Santa Claus and a medieval mendicant saint. Hoover is not that at all. He is a practical engineer with a mind coldly intent on results. A mind that is one of the most incisive in America, with prodigious capacity for work and with that intangible quality that makes things go, the quality that makes success. In addition to that, Hoover has all the fundamental qualities of a super-journalist. He has the curiosity about facts and the pleasure in digging them out. He has the capacity for accurate generalization from facts; he has the reformer's itch to make things better; the zeal for public service, and he has a unique sense of publicity and timeliness.

### Contributes to Thought.

Every speech that Hoover makes—and he is in more demand for speeches than almost any other man—contains fresh material. Each speech is a definite contribution to public thought, and is received by the newspapers and the public with the interest and weight it deserves.

Hoover is in demand for the freshness and thoroughness of his thought. Not for any flatitudinous after-dinner orateness nor because he is funny, nor for any other kind of entertainment. He is in demand for what he has to say. No living American excels Hoover in the value of his contributions to contemporary thought.

In considering Hoover as a cabinet possibility, not only is it to be remembered that he is a remarkably able

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## WORKS BOARD HIRES LYON FOR ONE YEAR

J. D. Lyon, consulting engineer, has been retained by the board of works to act in an advisory capacity for the municipal light plant for a year, beginning with Dec. 15, according to members of the board. My Lyon, or his assistant Mr. Coughlin, will be in the city at regular intervals to look over the plant and make suggestions for repairs and improvements.

Mr. Coughlin, who has been making a detailed study of the plant during the past week, appeared at an informal meeting of the board of works Friday afternoon to discuss the condition of the plant.

### Reports on Plant.

He said that the Lyon engineers were not only consulting engineers, and that their work should be judged as such, a member of the board of works said.

The board was informed that the plant was not in as critical a condition as was generally believed, but that some repairs would be started immediately to insure the operation of the plant until the installation of the new 5,000 k. w. turbine.

Mr. Coughlin will be back in Richmond Monday to continue his detailed inspection of the plant. The drawing up of specifications for the foundation, steel and piping for the new turbine will be undertaken soon, so as to allow the letting of bids after the first of the year.

### NAME SHIP CINCINNATI

(By Associated Press)

CINCINNATI, Dec. 11.—Major John Galvin has been notified by Secretary of the Navy Daniels that the name "Cincinnati" has been assigned to him to one of the new scout cruisers being built in the navy yards at Tacoma, Washington. The former cruiser Cincinnati was scrapped recently.

### SEVERE ITALIAN QUAKE

(By Associated Press)

ROME, Dec. 11.—All the villages in the Tepole district, southern Albania, have been destroyed by a violent earthquake, according to an Akyona message to the Tempo today. Two hundred persons are reported killed, while 15,000 have been made homeless.

## HARDING, WILL HAYS AND BRYAN INVITED FOR ADDRESS FRIDAY

MARION, O., Dec. 11.—President-elect Warren G. Harding, Will H. Hays of the Republican national committee, and William J. Bryan probably will speak from the same platform here next Friday evening. All three have been invited to address the laymen's conference of the Marion presbytery here that evening. Mr. Bryan has accepted. It is said that Senator Harding also will accept. No reply has been received as yet from Mr. Hays, who is an elder in the Presbyterian church. The Marion presbytery comprises 16 central Ohio counties.

Suggestions for a new American foreign policy, including the formation of an association of nations, were heard by President-elect Harding today from Colonel George Harvey, who was one of his close advisers in formulating his campaign policies toward the Versailles league.

### May Stay for Week

Colonel Harvey came to Marion yesterday at the very beginning of Mr. Harding's conference here on the association plan and in addition to holding long conversations on the subject with the president-elect today it was said he might remain until next week to give his advice as the administration program develops.

Mr. Harding has indicated that even the ground work for the association of nations is yet to be laid, and that he begins his promised "meeting of minds" here without a definite plan even on rudimentary forms for an international council. In asking advice he will seek a program behind which there is some assurance of a united country, rather than an attempt to put forward any speculation of his own.

### Will Consult Notables

In that connection it is recalled that when he first proposed an association of nations in his speech of August 28, he suggested that it be built upon the framework of The Hague tribunal or upon the practicable features of the Versailles league or by combining "all that is good in both."

### Constantine Hears Plebiscite Result; To Sail on Cruiser

## Mrs. Harding Entertained Royally While in Capital



Mrs. Marshall bidding Mrs. Harding good-bye after the luncheon. During the two-day stay of President-elect and Mrs. Harding in Washington recently on their return from Panama, Mrs. Harding was the honored guest at two social affairs. Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of Vice President Marshall, entertained the new executive's wife at luncheon the second day. Wives of about forty senators attended the affair, given in the senate office building.

Expect Opening of Discussion by Liberal Leaders in House of Commons Next Tuesday—Action Eagerly Awaited.

## PARLIAMENT MAY DEBATE IRISH POLICY

Off for a goal of 600 men and 300 women, with "Make Richmond the Best Place in the World to Live In," as the slogan, the membership committee of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce began an intensive membership campaign Saturday.

Systematically and thoroughly the work of reaching every man and woman in the city with its message of civic improvement, and its appeal for support, is being done under the direction of John J. Harrington, Jr., chairman of the membership committee. After much consideration the committee decided to carry out its work through mail, and by local advertising.

"This method will save the organization the cost of bringing an organizing company to Richmond," said an official Saturday. "It means a saving of several thousand dollars in this respect, and it means the saving of time and money to our local citizens who would have to be personally approached personally by men who are busy. Everyone is busy this season of the year, and we do not propose to encroach upon their time. We believe the people of Richmond are interested enough in the Chamber of Commerce to make it unnecessary for a strenuous personal canvass."

**Fees \$25 Per Year**

Membership fees are \$25 a year for men and \$10 per year for women. While the membership committee would prefer receiving the annual dues in advance, it was announced that quarterly or semi-annual payments would be acceptable.

At \$25 a year, it was pointed out, it entails only a weekly cost of approximately 48 cents for each man, and much less per week for each woman.

"No man," said a member Saturday, "can afford to withhold his support to the city for so small a sum."

Letters that are being sent to families of the city are very brief and to the point. They urge enrollment in the organization at once, and enclose a self-addressed envelope in which to place the signed pledge and check.

**May Hire Secretary.**

Announcement is made that the campaign would not close until the goal had been reached. At present the organization has a membership of about 300. These persons voluntarily enrolled in the movement.

Efforts are being made to secure a competent full time salaried secretary, to begin work at once.

For the convenience of persons wishing to join the body, but who may not receive a pledge card, coupons will be included in advertisements for signing and mailing. All pledges should be mailed to John J. Harrington, Jr., chairman of the membership committee.

**JAPAN WON'T REDUCE ARMAMENT UNLESS UNITED STATES LEADS**

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This is far from meeting the original demands of some states, but hope is expressed that the example furnished by the first nation to accept the clause will be a moral force strong enough to oblige others to follow a similar course.

**After Effects Disappear.**

The "after effects" of the world war have nearly disappeared from the marine corps, the commandant continues. He believes that both officers and men have overcome the relaxations and unrest which followed the war and that they are working unceasingly to maintain the efficiency of the corps at its highest standard.

General Lejeune recommends that legislation be enacted which will allow the retirement of marines who served either as warrant or commissioned officers in the World War with pay of the highest grade in which they served during the emergency. He also urges the creation of the grade of chief marine gunner, chief quartermaster, chief pay clerk for the corps, the grades to be filled by promotions.

**Raw Sugar Price Drops to Lowest Level of Year**

Raw sugar market continued to decline today, with holders disposed to liquidate even at the expense of prices. While there were no sales below the 4 cents price level for Cubans, the 4 cents price level for Britishers was offered at 3 1/2 cents a pound this morning without being taken, which is the lowest level so far this year.

**WOULD RESTRAIN ROADS**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Under a special rule reported out today by the rules committee the Volstead resolution will be given the right of way in the house after the immigration bill is disposed of. Debate would be limited to two hours. The rules committee also reported out a rule giving the Reavis bill for consolidation of government executive departments right of way after the Volstead measure is acted upon.

**RESERVE SHOWING**

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold \$11,247,910 reserve in access of legal requirements. This is a decrease of \$10,733,130 from last week.

## LENNARD IS ACCUSED OF AUTO THEFT

Authorities From Hamilton, O., Arrest Man Held For Alleged Liquor Law Violation. Search Garages.

## SEEK THE ALLEGED RING

Search of a number of garages in Richmond, and the arrest of John I. Lennard, already held on a \$2,000 bond on another charge, featured the arrival in this city of officials from Hamilton, O., Friday afternoon, in connection with their investigation of the activities of an alleged ring of auto thieves, said to have operated in Ohio and Indiana principally in the cities of Hamilton, Dayton and Richmond.

Two members of the "ring", a representative of an insurance company in Ohio and men from the local police and sheriffs offices co-operated in the search, which culminated in the arrest of John Ike Lennard at his home at North Ninth street, for alleged complicity in the affair.

**Charged With Felony.**

Lennard was arrested by Sheriff Clem Carr, on a formal complaint filed by Howard Slonaker, of Hamilton, O., an insurance man whose car had been stolen. The complaint said Lennard was charged with a felony in Hamilton in that he had knowingly received and purchased a stolen automobile.

The warrant issued by the sheriffs office was for the purpose of holding Lennard in this city until extradition papers could be put through to secure his return to Hamilton for trial. Lennard is seriously ill at his home here. A case of erysipelas. The sight of both eyes is threatened.

Prosecuting Attorney Freeman said Saturday that if his condition warranted, Lennard would be arraigned in court immediately and a date set for hearing of the case.

**Member Confesses**

Lennard was arrested on information obtained from the confession of a member of the "ring," now in custody in Hamilton. He is alleged to have confessed. One other member of the ring, who had also confessed, accompanied the officers here.

Federal officers here were appealed to and they referred the case to local officials. Despite the fact that officials arrived here in the afternoon, it was almost evening before they were able to obtain the necessary co-operation that would enable them to conduct a search for stolen cars.

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## SITUATION IN HAITI SATISFACTORY SAYS MARINE CORPS HEAD

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The military situation in Haiti and Santo Domingo from the viewpoint of the marine corps is "extremely satisfactory," Major General Lejeune, commanding of the corps, declares in his annual report to the secretary of the navy made public today.

The newspaper asked British labor whether it is going to take the responsibility of supporting and munitioning the wickendness of the government's coercion policy, and thus dye its hands with the blood of its Irish comrades?

Committees of the assembly of the League of Nations were called into session this morning and the meeting of the assembly was deferred until 4 o'clock today. It was anticipated that when the assembly met, decision would be reached as to the manner of choosing the four elected members of the council of the league.

It has been decided by the commission on technical organizations to send to the United States a special invitation to make a member of the International advisory commission which will study the question of the opium traffic. The commission will also carry out provisions relating to the opium traffic which were embodied in the Versailles treaty.

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