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## GOSSIP SAYS HUGHES WILL BE SECRETARY

Says Mark Sullivan — Sees Elihu Root as Sort of Liaison Officer With European Statesmen.

## M'CORMICK TOO BLUNT

By MARK SULLIVAN WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—It ought not to have been necessary for Senator Harding to say that Senator McCormick in Europe is not his representative. Speaking of Senator McCormick as Senator Harding's "Colonel House" is merely a case of the popular disposition, occasional among all of us, to think and write in phrases and formulas, and is unjust to both senators.

Senator Harding, if he felt that courtesy to his predecessor permitted him to do so, would probably say with a good deal of emphasis that he doesn't believe in the idea of a "Colonel House" as a permanent institution of government. That he doesn't propose to have any Colonel House, and that he should have a Senatorial International Colonel House for the conduct of foreign affairs, he could probably choose a senator who at least is or has been a member of the foreign affairs committee.

### McCormick Blunt.

Senator McCormick, on his part, doesn't need to be anybody's Colonel House, and is temperamentally most unfitted for that role. He is too much given to the explosive blurt out of the truth to be a carrier or diplomatic messages.

Moreover, he doesn't depend for his political standing on having a President Wilson or anyone else to lean on. He doesn't need to depend for his place in the world on his standing with any other individual. He stands squarely on his own feet, and has his place in the political world by virtue of a franchise from several hundred thousand voters of the sovereign state of Illinois.

### Individual Person.

Further than that, he is, among all the leaders in the Republican party, probably the one who is least adapted to being anybody's Colonel House, by conviction and habit is an extremely individual person, with a sharply pungent personality. Independent in his political past and by temperament strongly disposed to go his own gait. Among the younger senators, the ones in the forties, Senator McCormick is probably the strongest.

No one has a better right to go to Europe on his own account, and no one is better equipped to talk with European statesmen on an equal basis. In his personal and official contacts he is aggressively American, almost belligerently American. But that doesn't prevent his having intimate personal relations with European statesmen. He has a much larger acquaintance with European politicians and leaders of thought than any other senator.

### Knows Europeans.

In the McCormick house at Washington you are nearly always reasonably sure to find a foreign ambassador as a guest for dinner, and two or three traveling European scholars staying overnight. It was Senator McCormick who translated for his fellow members the speech that Premier Vivian delivered on the floor of congress and I think himself once made a speech in the French Chamber of Deputies. Indeed, I think one of the purposes of his present journey to Europe was to deliver a series of lectures in one of the Paris universities.

### Gossip Picks Hughes.

In a way, it is true there is no observable disposition, not with Senator Harding necessarily, but with the other Republican leaders to adopt the idea of a semi-official Colonel House. The man these leaders have in mind is Mr. Root, of the current predisposition and groping surmise of all the Republican leaders about the Secretary of State were distilled, the result would look a little like Charles E. Hughes as Secretary of State, with Mr. Root in the position of a sort of liaison officer in actual contact with the League of Nations statesmen abroad.

This may be the only one whose ideas on the subject count for anything, namely Senator Harding. But in moving about among the other Republican leaders you find it is quite obviously in the minds of a good many of them.

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## REDS' SHARP NOTE IS ANSWERED BY POLAND

### (By Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Poland answering the recent Russian note protesting against the sending of troops to Vilna, and charging that the soviet government possessed concrete and incontestable evidence that Poland is furnishing men and munitions to General Zeligowski who otherwise would not be able to retain Vilna deals with the three principal points raised and concluded:

"The Polish government regrets the suspicion of the government of the soviet republic that we are seeking pretext for breaking the undertaking signed by them."

An official copy of the note received in London maintains that the question of allegiance of the disputed territories remains for settlement by the people of those territories; that the allied troops for Vilna were sent there only for protection and that the presence of the Zeligowski troops in Vilna does not constitute a menace to Russia, owing to their distance from the frontier.

## No Big Chair for Illustrious Grandmother



Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart and her granddaughter, Bab.

A comfy chair set well back in the corner near the fireplace, where she will be out of the way, is far from the position occupied by this charming grandmother. She is Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart, one of our foremost writers of fiction. The baby is her granddaughter, "Bab", daughter of her only son, Stanley M. Rinehart. Mrs. Rinehart divides her life into "work, play and love". Aside from her home life she works zealously in the woman's council of the Republican party. The other duties of this modern grandmother are these: She writes three scenarios a year and supervises their production in a west coast studio; writes a novel a year and usually one of the six best sellers; writes short stories for magazines; writes plays, having three now on Broadway and two more in the making, to say nothing of numerous special articles for magazines and papers. Pretty good for a grandmother, isn't it?

## MEN OF HOME GUARD AND AMERICAN LEGION QUIET KANSAS RIOTS

INDEPENDENCE, Kas., Dec. 17—Members of the home guard and American legion were patrolling the streets here today as a result of race disorders last night in which a white boy and a negro were killed and four white men wounded, three critically.

Other home guard members and legionaries sworn in as deputy sheriffs, were on duty near the county jail.

According to Chief of Police Hall, Noble Green, whose alleged action in killing R. R. Wharton, a white grocer, yesterday precipitated the trouble is confined. Reports were current late last night that Green had been taken to the state prison at Lansing for safe-keeping, but they were denied by Chief Hall, who said he had "an agreement with them" that no attempt would be made to lynch "them". Hall explained, "means a number of men who are in town". Threats of lynching were made late yesterday after Green had been captured at his home by a posse.

### Town Is Quiet

The local officials were without information this morning as to whether national guardsmen would be sent here as a precautionary measure.

While the disorders were going on, the request for troops was telegraphed to the governor's office at Topeka.

Later the authorities assisted by home guardsmen and American legion men were able to get the situation under control and the town was quiet this morning.

According to officials the trouble was not unexpected and had been brewing all day yesterday.

## ACREAGE OF WHEAT SHOWS DECREASE

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The area sown to winter wheat this fall is 40,655,000 acres, which is 2.8 per cent less than the revised area sown last fall. The condition of the crop on Dec. 1 was 87.9 per cent of a normal compared with 85.2 a year ago, 98.5 on Dec. 1, 1918, and 88.3 the year before.

The acreage to rye this fall is 4,653,000 acres which is 11.4 per cent less than the revised area sown in the fall of last year.

The condition of rye on Dec. 1 was 90.8 per cent of a normal compared with 89.8 a year ago, 89 on Dec. 1, 1918 and 92.2 the ten year average on Dec. 1.

The acreage and condition of winter wheat in some of the principle producing states follow: Ohio, 2,253,000 and 81 per cent of normal; Indiana, 1,953,000 and 82 per cent of normal; Illinois, 2,470,000 and 86 per cent normal.

Mrs. Ann Swicker, Pioneer Resident, Died Thursday

Mrs. Ann Swicker, 87 years old, died Thursday night at her home, 33 North Sixth street. She was born in Ireland but had been a resident of Richmond for 57 years.

Mrs. Swicker was the widow of the late Herman Swicker, who died about two years ago. He was prominent in the South Side Improvement association work. She formerly lived at 647 South J street.

She is survived by her niece, Mrs. Margaret Fitzgibbons, of this city.

Funeral services will be held at 7 a.m. from the St. Mary's church. Burial will be in the Lutheran cemetery. Friends may call at any time but are requested to omit flowers.

## Robert Echard Drops Dead at Brownsville

Robert Echard, 72, a life-long resident of Brownsville, dropped dead in the yard of his home there Wednesday evening. Death was due to cerebral hemorrhage. He lived alone and is survived by several nieces and nephews. The funeral took place Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Brownsville M. E. church. The Rev. C. C. Brown, pastor of the church, conducted the service. Burial was in the adjoining cemetery.

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## BRYAN ASKED IDEAS TODAY BY HARDING

Former Secretary Under President Wilson and Famous Advocate of Peace Called Into Consultation.

## BOTH SPEAK TONIGHT

(By Associated Press)

MARION, O., Dec. 17.—William Jennings Bryan former secretary of state under President Wilson and for many years an earnest advocate of world peace was called into consultation today by President-elect Harding regarding the plan for an association of nations.

The first former official of the Democratic administration to be summoned to the Republican president-elect's council table here, Mr. Bryan brought a fund of special knowledge by virtue of his experiences in negotiating more than a score of arbitration treaties while he was head of the department of state. It was understood that these treaties constituted one of the principal subjects of Mr. Harding's inquiries.

### Can Give Information.

Recently another former secretary Elihu Root suggested arbitration treaties throughout the world might be amended so that all justiciable questions between nations would be referred to the new league of nations court rather than to temporary arbitration boards. On the possibility of making such amendments in the American treaties Mr. Bryan was in a position to give first hand information.

The Bryan treaties also have been discussed many times at furnishing in themselves a basis for reaching a world agreement in the interest of peace.

A proposal that nations bind themselves not to go to war except by vote of the people has been another of Mr. Bryan's suggestions as a basis for a world league and it is known that Mr. Harding has considered it in his conferences here. It is assumed that to discuss the practical working of such an agreement was one of the purposes of today's conference.

### Urged Reservations.

The former secretary was a warm advocate of the Versailles league but after unratified ratification failed he entered the fight actively to secure Democratic acceptance of the republic's reservations. It was not revealed today what opinion he expressed regarding the present practicability of American acceptance of the covenant.

Arriving here late in the forenoon, Mr. Bryan had most of the remainder of the day set aside for him on Mr. Harding's appointment schedule. Tonight the two will speak from the same platform at a Presbyterian church rally here.

## MILNE TO RECEIVE RECEPTION BY PUBLIC; IS CIVIC SECRETARY

A public reception will be held for W. A. Milne, of Muncie, who accepted the position of secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce late Thursday. This announcement was made Friday by Dr. Charles Marvel, chairman of a committee in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Milne will arrive here for his duties on New Year's day. On the following Friday the public will be asked to a reception at the coliseum.

Arrangements have been made to have several local speakers address the gathering. Mr. Milne will make a short talk. Father W. J. Cronin has accepted an invitation to speak, and an effort is being made to secure Wilfred Jessup and Henry U. Johnson. The high school orchestra and Howard Hitz will be asked for musical numbers.

"We want the people of Richmond to meet Mr. Milne and consider him a representative of Richmond, and not just of the Chamber of Commerce," said Dr. Marvel, Friday. There will be a nominal fee of 10 or 15 cents charged for admission to the big meeting, in order to meet expenses."

### Eager to Come

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce held several weeks ago, it was decided to get Mr. Milne for Richmond's new commerce, venture, if possible.

It is said that Mr. Milne was favorably impressed with Richmond from the first, and that he is eager to work here with local citizens.

The contract between the local Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Milne is for one year.

## NEWBERRY ELECTION PROBE TO BE RUSHED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Inquiry into the disappearance of 17,000 ballots cast in the Michigan senatorial election in 1918 will be rushed by the senate elections committee, Chairman Spencer informed attorneys of Henry Ford, who is contesting the election of Senator Newberry that any witnesses they desire to examine must be on hand Monday as the committee intended to close the present inquiry which is preliminary to the actual ballot recount set for Jan. 4.

Counsel for Ford submitted a list of 24 townships in which they said the ballots were destroyed. In six of these they said the destruction had been accounted for either through accidental or other means.

## New Hostess in Capital Society



Senora Z. De Cortadellas.

Senora Z. De Cortadellas, wife of the secretary and chargé d'affaires of the Bolivia legation, recently arrived in Washington to take up her residence there. This new hostess from the South American countries will prove a pleasant addition to the diplomatic circles.

## Only 2 Wayne County Boys Died in Naval Service During War

when U. S. S. Jacob Jones was sunk by U-boat.

Vern F. Doll: next of kin, mother, Louise Doll, Connersville, Ind. Died of pneumonia, Chelsea, Mass.

Bryan Deal: next of kin, mother, Ollie Deal, London, Shelby county, Ind. Killed when U. S. S. Westover was sunk by submarine.

Samuel W. Borradale: next of kin, wife, Lena Borradale, Liberty, Union county, Ind. Died of influenza, Great Lakes, Ill.

Pred Beale: next of kin, Hattie Beale, mother, Rushville, Ind. Member of the crew of the missing U. S. S. Cyclops.

Whether the collier Cyclops was sunk by a submarine or was lost in a storm perhaps will never be known. The last heard of the vessel was June 14, 1918, when she was in West Indian waters en route to Norfolk from South America.

## CONGRESS INFORMED SERVICE MEN WANT DIRECT CASH BONUS

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Former service men prefer direct cash payments from the government rather than educational, home or farm buying assistance, the finance committee was informed today by representatives of several organizations of World War veterans.

Harry A. Nicholson: next of kin, father, John W. Nicholson, Edinburg, Shelby county, Ind. Died of pneumonia aboard U. S. S. Pittsburg.

Ray R. Miller: next of kin, father, George H. Miller, Morristown, Hocking county, Ind. died of influenza, Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

John F. McMahen: next of kin, mother, Margaret McMahen, McFerrell, Hancock county, Ind. Died of pneumonia, Great Lakes, Ill.

Samuel Hyde: next of kin, father, Eli Hyde, Brookville, Franklin county, Ind. Died of influenza, Newport, R. I.

Clark R. Hill: next of kin, mother, Fannie Hill, Charlottesville, Hancock county, Ind. Died of cerebrospinal fever, Norfolk, Va.

Earl Grigsby: mother, Amanda Grigsby, New Palestine, Hancock county. Member of crew of missing U. S. S. Cyclops.

Reginald J. Fisher: next of kin, father, Fred W. Fisher, Connerville, Fayette county, Ind. Killed in action.

## Weather Forecast

### MOORE'S SPECIAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy, cold and chilly weather will prevail for the next 24 hours. It will be fair at intervals with occasional flurries of snow. No very low temperatures are indicated, although it will be considerably below freezing Friday night.

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau—Fair tonight and Saturday, except probably snow flurries near Lake Michigan; not much change in temperature; fresh west and northwest winds.

### Temperatures Yesterday

Maximum ..... 37  
Minimum ..... 28

Today ..... 30

Weather Conditions, by W. E. Moore  
INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Governor Goodrich announced today that no pardons or paroles will be issued by him before his retirement except those that may be recommended by the state board of pardons as a result of its recent hearings. These are expected to be approved so that the released prisoners may be home at Christmas.

The governor's decision to act only on board recommendations was said