

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 "Col. 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 if he should have a Senatorial International 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 blurring out 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 Senate 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 in 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 he is an extremely individual person, with a sharply pungent personality, independent in his political past and by temperament strongly disposed to go his own way. 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, than 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 Viviani 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, Pickle, 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 that has been in mind is Mr. Root. If the current disposition and groping surmises 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 the Republican party, and the League of Nations statesmen abroad. This may be 1,000 miles from the mind of the only man 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.

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 incontrovertible 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 concludes:

"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; 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 and a negro were killed and four white men wounded, three critically.

Other home guard members and legioners sworn in as deputy sheriffs, were on duty near the county jail, where, 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 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 40,605,000 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 88.4 the ten year average on that date.

The acres sown to rye this fall is 4,633,000 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 90.5 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.

McCray Inauguration
Committee Announced

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Adjutant General Harry B. Smith, Frank Litchert, and Ada Bush will have charge of the inauguration ceremonies of Governor-elect McCray. It was announced today by Governor Goodrich. Mr. Litchert and Miss Bush are the secretaries of the retiring and incoming governors.

COMPROMISE SOUGHT
BY OPPOSING FORCES
OF HOUSE OF LORDS

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Members of the House of Lords who have stood firmly against the Irish home rule bill as passed by the House of Commons were in consultation with members of the government overnight, it is understood, trying to arrange some sort of compromise relative to the measure. It was asserted here this morning that the virtual deadlock between the two houses of parliament must be compromised or the bill would be lost, and the home rule measure of 1914 would automatically become a law as soon as ratification of the Turkish treaty formally ends the war.

Away Developments
Developments are awaited with curiosity and anxiety. The action of the House of Lords in amending the home rule bill was tantamount to rejection of the measure and the insistence of commons upon the original bill seems to have placed the fate of the legislation in the balance. Parliamentary writers gave widely divergent statements in London newspapers this morning as to what might happen.

Many members of the upper house of parliament object to the provision of the bill for the council of Ireland and oppose the clause providing that Ireland declines to accept the form of government established by the measure a crown colony government will be imposed. Some writers declared that irreconcilable peers will recede from their position and that when the House of Lords meets at noon Saturday it will bear royal assent given the measure and see it placed in the statute books as a law.

Mrs. Rebecca Nichols
Called at Lynn Home

LYNN, Ind., Dec. 17.—Rebecca Nichols, 73 years old, died of pneumonia here early today. She was one of the most active members of the Christian church and prominent in Relief Corps work. She had lived here for many years and was widely known in the community. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Peter Cutler, of Richmond, and two brothers, John Lewis of Richmond and Will Lewis of Lynn. The funeral will be conducted at the Christian church Sunday by the Rev. Mr. Scott, and interment will be in Fountain Park cemetery at Winchester.

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.

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 treatises 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 unserved ratification failed he entered the fight actively to secure Democratic acceptance of the republican 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 two will speak from the 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 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 commercial 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 are 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. 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 charge 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

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Only two Wayne county, Indiana, men who were in the naval service of the United States died during the war with Germany, according to a handsome bound volume containing the naval casualty list for the late war recently issued by the navy department. This list does not include men who served in the Marine Corps. The Wayne county men whose names appear on the United States Navy roll of honor are:

George Raymond Stempel; next of kin, wife, Mildred Stempel, Richmond, R. C.
Hugh Wessel Personette; next of kin, father, Fred Personette, Cambridge City, Ind.
Neither of these men met death in action, both falling victims to influenza while stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Station, Ill. Stempel died September 20, 1918, and Personette died September 25, 1918.

Considering the fact that several hundred Wayne county men enlisted in the navy during the war the death rate among them, for the period of the war, was remarkably low. As a matter of fact astonishingly few men who enlisted in the navy from the eight counties comprising the Sixth congressional district of Indiana, died during the period of the war, only 15 being listed in the navy's final official report. The names of these men, not including the two from Wayne county, follow:

Alban Bahner; next of kin, brother, Leo Bahner, Newcastle, Ind. Drowned while serving on the U. S. S. DeKalb.
Eugene R. Pence; next of kin, mother, Ola Pence, Newcastle, Ind. Died of influenza, Great Lakes Naval Training Station.
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, Morrisstown, Shelby county, Ind., died of influenza, Great Lakes, Ill.
John P. McMahon; next of kin, mother, Margaret McMahon, McCordsville, Hancock county, Ind. Died of influenza, 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, Connersville, 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 25

Today
Noon 30
Weather Conditions, by W. E. Moore

—Partly cloudy and unsettled weather still prevails over the lake region, central and eastern states, with general snow along the St. Lawrence valley and New England states; also local snows north of the 40th parallel and east of the Mississippi river. Generally fair weather continues over the south and western plain states. An extensive storm is moving into the United States from the Pacific ocean, causing general rains from Washington to lower California, and snows over the Rocky Mountain states.

ALBANIA IS
ELECTED IN
VOTE TODAY

Britain Reverses Policy and Casts Vote for Latest Member—Mandate Differences Up For Discussion.

SESSION ALMOST OVER

GENEVA, Dec. 17.—Albania was elected a member of the league of nations by the assembly of the league here this morning.

Immediately after the opening of today's session of the assembly, Lord Robert Cecil, although appointed to make a report on the admission of Albania to the league, took the floor and declared he disagreed with the report of the committee, which was adverse to according Albania membership. He asked the assembly to elect Albania a member of the assembly.

N. W. Rowell of Canada also pleaded Armenia's case, and he, with Lord Robert Cecil, for the first time found support from other delegations of the British empire on a contested question.

Reverse Decision

After Mr. Rowell had concluded, H. A. L. Fisher of Great Britain took the floor and said that although the British delegation had vote against Albania in the committee, it had since carefully studied the question and had decided to vote for her admission.

During yesterday's voting the British empire was divided on nearly every question, South Africa and Canada voting against Great Britain on the admission of Georgia; Canada voting against South Africa and Great Britain regarding Armenia and Australia abstaining from voting when the application of Bulgaria was before the assembly.

American Influence

The action of the committee in recommending the rejection of the applications of Baltic states and Georgia was due largely to American influence. The committee had before it a document containing the note sent on August 10th to the Italian ambassador by Bainbridge Colby, American secretary of state, who stated the United States policy was that decision should be held in abeyance concerning territories carved out of the former Russian empire.

Differences between the council of the League of Nations and the Assembly of the League regarding mandates were before the assembly when it met here today. After a long debate during yesterday's session regarding the report of the mandates commission complaining of the council's refusal to submit a draft of the mandates for Syria, Mesopotamia and Palestine except under certain conditions, the matter was left over for settlement today if possible.

Language Softened.

The original report of the mandates commission was a sharp arraignment of the council, but the language used was considerably softened by the full commission following the debate on the floor of the assembly. The council decline to submit drafts of the mandates except upon a promise by the commission that no reference to the provisions of the mandates would be made in the report to the assembly.

Disposal of this question, action upon three more applications for membership and decision relative to the league budget were all that remained today to be disposed of during this session of the assembly. Hope was expressed this morning that the war might be finished today so that tomorrow's final session might be devoted to the ceremonies of closing. It seemed probable Rene Viviani, head of the French delegation, would appear tomorrow, he having been solicited by American legates to make the principal closing speech.

Some Left Out.

The applications of Albania, Lithuania and Ukraine were before the assembly today, Albania being the only one having a chance for admission. The commission on admission of new states was unable to recommend to granting membership to the other two, but Albania had strong partisans in Lord Robert Cecil, representative for South Africa and N. W. Rowell of Canada, who, contrary to precedent, found themselves agreed on this question.

MAY REAPPORTION
SOLONS IN CONGRESS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Reapportionment of membership in the house of representatives to correspond with population changes as recorded in the 1920 census will be considered by Republican members of the house at a caucus called for tonight.

Nearly half a dozen reapportionment measures have been presented since the convening of the present session. The principal one, submitted by representative from New York, Charles D. Rostenburg, of the census committee provides for a house membership of 433 as compared with a present membership of 435.

Representative Hull, Democrat of Tennessee, has proposed a constitutional amendment, which would fix 450 as the permanent, maximum membership of the house. The only proposition cut in the present membership was offered yesterday by Representative Blanton, Democrat, Texas, who suggests that the size of the house be cut to 304 members.

One of the measures bearing on reapportionment, which majority leaders plan to consider at tonight's meeting, was offered by Representative Tinkham, Republican, Massachusetts. It would direct a congressional investigation of alleged negro disenfranchisement in the southern states and a corresponding cut in the representation of those states in the house.

GOODRICH PUTS LID
ON PAROLE GRANTS

(By Associated Press)

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 to have been due to the press of business attending his retirement from office and also his inability to consider the many pleas of clemency made directly to him.