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HARDING TO PICK DAWES FOR CABINET

Appointment of Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago, as Secretary of Treasury, Apparent, Says Mark Sullivan.

WEEKS TO LOSE OUT

By MARK SULLIVAN

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 31.—To anyone familiar with the intricate web of considerations which determine such matters, the overwhelming likelihood of the appointment of Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago, as Secretary of the Treasury, must be apparent. Nearly all the politicians, and many of the newspapers as well, have assumed that this post would go to ex-Senator John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts. Especially in Washington and the east have the politicians and newspapers gone on this assumption.

As in many cases of inaccurate reasoning it is the wish that has misled the thought. The eastern papers and Washington politicians have wanted Weeks and predicted Weeks because Weeks comes from Massachusetts, and the spokesman of what the eastern action which regards itself as the country's financial center have wished and expected that the secretary of the treasury would be selected from that background. But to anyone who looked at it from the larger standpoint of the whole of all the considerations involved, it has been apparent that Weeks was not likely to be selected.

Reason is Likely.

From the beginning, Dawes has been the more likely man. To start with, the two great posts of importance and honor in the cabinet are the state department and the treasury. It would be inexpedient according to every accepted way of political thought to fill both these posts from the same section of the country. When Harding came to put his mind closely on it, it must have been as apparent to him as it is to anyone else who puts his mind on it with the same intentness that the east had the bulk of available material for secretary of state.

The secretary of state has always been sure to come from the east. Incidentally, the appointment of Hughes as secretary of state is now almost as sure as the appointment of Dawes to the treasury department.

Hughes is Certain.

But even omitting the present comparative certainty of Hughes at the very beginning, in first surveying the field, it was clear that the state department would go to the east, everybody who at any time has had the remotest chance to be made secretary of state was an easterner. Not only Hughes, but also the man who in the public eye was his chief competitor, Root, both came from New York City. David Jayne Hill came from New York state; Knox from Pennsylvania. From this point on, it must have been easier for Harding to make choice of secretary of treasury than to make the choice of secretary of state, from that point, indeed, it is simple to predict the choice of Dawes as secretary of the treasury, in the first place, since at all events the choice was to make it from among the men who have had experience in banking on the very largest scale. These men were only to be found in the west, biggest city and greatest financial center.

For a considerable time it has been apparent to anyone who thought about it from a sufficient foundation of information, that the treasury department was more or less foreclosed in favor of Chicago, and in Chicago there were just two bankers of available age, there are one or two other great bankers in Chicago, but they are two old, the two available Chicago bankers were Charles G. Dawes and George B. Reynolds, both were regarded as of satisfactory size.

Dawes Resourceful.

In fact, I think that George B. Reynolds was once offered the treasury post by Taft when he was president. What has made Dawes the more likely of the two at the present time is largely a matter of local Chicago conditions. Dawes is said to be a little the more resourceful man, a man of little more courage. Moreover, Dawes has had political experience. He was comptroller of the treasury in McKinley's administration more than twenty years ago. Also Dawes is probably aided by the fact that he was active in the war. Dawes is a close friend of General Pershing, and either through Pershing or otherwise, Dawes was made purchaser of supplies for the allies with the rank of general. In that capacity he is said to have a remarkable record. One of the stories told of him is that on one occasion when he felt the public welfare required him to say something to Lloyd George he insisted on the interview with such energy that he was described as having "kicked Lloyd George's door in". Logic has always pointed unmistakably to Dawes and appearances now bear out the logic.

Weeks Sure of Place.

If, therefore, what is here said is correct, it will cause Harding a good deal of pain not to give ex-Senator Weeks an appointment which he is believed to want and for which he has extraordinary fitness. Weeks when he was in the senate showed that he knew the theory and practice of banking better than any other man in public life. He was almost as responsible as Wilson was for the passage of the federal reserve act and he was even more responsible for the enormous amount of care and hard work that went into the perfecting of it. In a way, it is Weeks' misfortune in this connection that he is equally well fitted for one or two other cabinet posts.

It can be predicted with great confidence that Weeks will be in the cabinet. It seems likely that Harding will definitely select his secretary of state and his secretary of the treasury in

NEW FOREIGN POLICY WILL BE INITIAL ACT IN REPUBLICAN REIGN

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—With the change of administrations early in the new year, will come the adoption of a new foreign policy by the government, a shake-up in federal departments, many new faces in congress and a start on the legislative program which Republican leaders are formulating.

Occupying a prominent place in public interest will be the peace program of the new administration, including the formal ending of the state of war with Germany and the framing of new commercial treaties.

Tariff and revenue revision also have front rank in the Republican program for the extra session which President-elect Harding is expected to call soon after his inauguration.

Action by the present congress is expected to be limited to urgent business, including appropriations for next year, farmers' relief measures, government regulation of cold storage and possibly, establishment of a federal budget system together with preliminary preparation of legislation for the extra session.

Legislation in prospect for the extra session includes that dealing with reorganization of the government departments, development of the American merchant marine, revision of Panama canal tolls, new army and navy policies, disposal of enemy alien property seized during the war, regulation of immigration and alien land ownership, provisions for former service men and the establishing of policies for closer relations between the federal government and business and labor.

JUGO-SLAVIA FORBIDS COMMUNISTIC ACTIVITY UNTIL CITIZENS VOTE

(By Associated Press)

BELGRADE, Dec. 31.—Communism will be suppressed and communistic propaganda prevented in Jugo-Slavia until a vote has been taken in the constituent assembly, said an official announcement today. This step has been taken by the government "in the interest of constitutional liberty," says Weeks.

The seditious actions of Bolsheviks in abusing the generous political liberty accorded by the state," the announcement asserted. "have begun to jeopardize the benefits the nation won at the cost of sanguinary sacrifices. It has been determined accordingly to forbid communistic propaganda, suspend all communistic organizations, close communist meeting halls and suppress newspapers and other publications advocating revolution or violence. All orders for a general strike will be destroyed and those responsible for them will be imprisoned, but freedom of speech and press will be retained unless utilized for vilifying the state and demoralizing the people.

"Disorders will be suppressed, the possession of arms must be reported, and all provocative demonstrations during the session of the constituent assembly are forbidden. Any one proved guilty of an offense against the security of the state will be court-martialed, and, if he is an alien, he will be deported. Officials guilty of taking part in Bolshevik propaganda will be dismissed from their posts."

ACTION IS DEFERRED ON BID FOR HOUSES

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Eight bids for the shipping board housing projects over the country were opened today by the board but action on them was deferred. They ranged from \$60,000 to \$2,156,000 and in addition there were some 50 tenders for single houses and small groups of buildings.

The combined projects offered for sale by the board aggregate 348 acres of land and included 2,762 dwelling houses and 36 other buildings.

The projects are located at Wilmington, Del., Camden, N. J., Chester, Pa., Lorain, O., Wyandotte, Mich., Groton, Conn., and Dundalk, Maryland. Terms of sale, officials of the board said, would depend upon localities but in general would be on the basis of part cash and part in deferred payments.

Would Be Bank Robber Killed by Nashville Police

(By Associated Press)

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 31.—An unidentified man entered the People's bank at Springfield, Tenn., this morning and, making his way unobserved to the bank vault, helped himself to \$50,000 in bonds. He stood off bank officials and then wounded an officer. Taking refuge in a storeroom, he was killed by officers.

Legionaries of D'Annunzio Released From Poet's Oath

(By Associated Press)

TRIESTE, Dec. 30.—Establishment of the old national council of Flume as a provisional government over the city was announced there tonight.

All terms laid down to the Flume delegates at Abbagia by Gen. Caviglia have been accepted. These terms included the release of legionaries from their oaths of allegiance to the "regency of Quarnero," abandonment of the islands of Arbe and Veglia, in the Gulf of Quarnero, restoration of all prisoners taken by the legionaries, and the surrender of all arms and munitions appropriated from the Italian army, and that all legionaries not natives of Flume should leave within five days.

HIGH HOPES ENTERTAINED BY ITALIANS

Enthusiasm is Based on Settlement of Adriatic Question—Country to Settle Down to Reconstruction.

INDUSTRY SPEEDS UP

(By Associated Press)

ROME, Dec. 31.—Italians base high hopes in international politics for 1921 chiefly on the settlement of the Adriatic question. The government, by its energetic action against the D'Annunzio government at Fiume, showed its earnest intention to carry out the treaty of Rapallo and thus remove any cause for suspicion against Italy.

The nation hopes, now that the treaty has cemented Jugo-Slavian friendship, that Italy will accept the invitation extended by the premiers of Jugo-Slavia and Rumania to become a kind of protectress of the "little entente".

Settlement of the Adriatic problem will have an even greater influence on internal conditions. It will enable Italy, relieved from the incubus of an impossible situation, to settle down to the work of reconstruction. Above all, it will permit the cutting down of military expenses, which are now burdening the budget to the extent of 10,000,000,000 lire annually. This will automatically reduce the amount of paper currency in circulation approximately 20,000,000,000 lire and decrease the deficit of 13,000,000,000.

Industry Speeds Up

In all branches of industry a gradual speeding up is evident and it is believed production will be augmented, which will result in increasing exports and decreasing imports. This would go a long way toward correcting the exchange situation, one of the chief causes of the high cost of living and the present unrest in the world of labor. The labor situation appears very hopeful as reports from all provinces show a great majority of the working men are apparently anxious to settle down to steady employment.

The faint possibility of a revolution has been dispelled by the gradual awakening of the Constitutionalists, who are burying all party feeling in order to fight the common foe—Marxist socialism and communism. So certain are Italians of the healthy state of their country that they are making efforts to attract tourists, especially Americans, who are invited to come and see with their own eyes that what is going on in Italy is evolution and not revolution.

The government is also desirous of re-establishing friendly relations such as existed before the war with America, when other problems had not clouded the political horizon.

TAX PAYING STATES TO CONTROL CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—For the first time in history the territory which pays the bulk of federal taxes will have full working control of the house of representatives after March 4.

Checking up the new list today Representative Madden, Republican of Illinois, found that with the opening of the new session, the section east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio river, would have a solid Republican voting strength of 228. The house majority is 218.

Mr. Madden's figures indicated that this section pays 84 1/2% of all taxes, with the south and west paying the balance.

"This will give the Republicans from the tax paying belt a clear majority hereafter over all other combinations," Mr. Madden declared. "And I believe we will soon begin to see a change in sectional or class legislation."

"Under Democratic administration the south has been in the saddle and the south paid only 6% of all taxes. Most people have imagined that the landslides put the west on top in the house, but that is wrong. It has never happened before that the territory paying the freight ran the legislative engine. It ought to be a good omen.

It means that the majority stockholders of the country, for they might be regarded in that light, will have the last say in the matter of tax burdens.

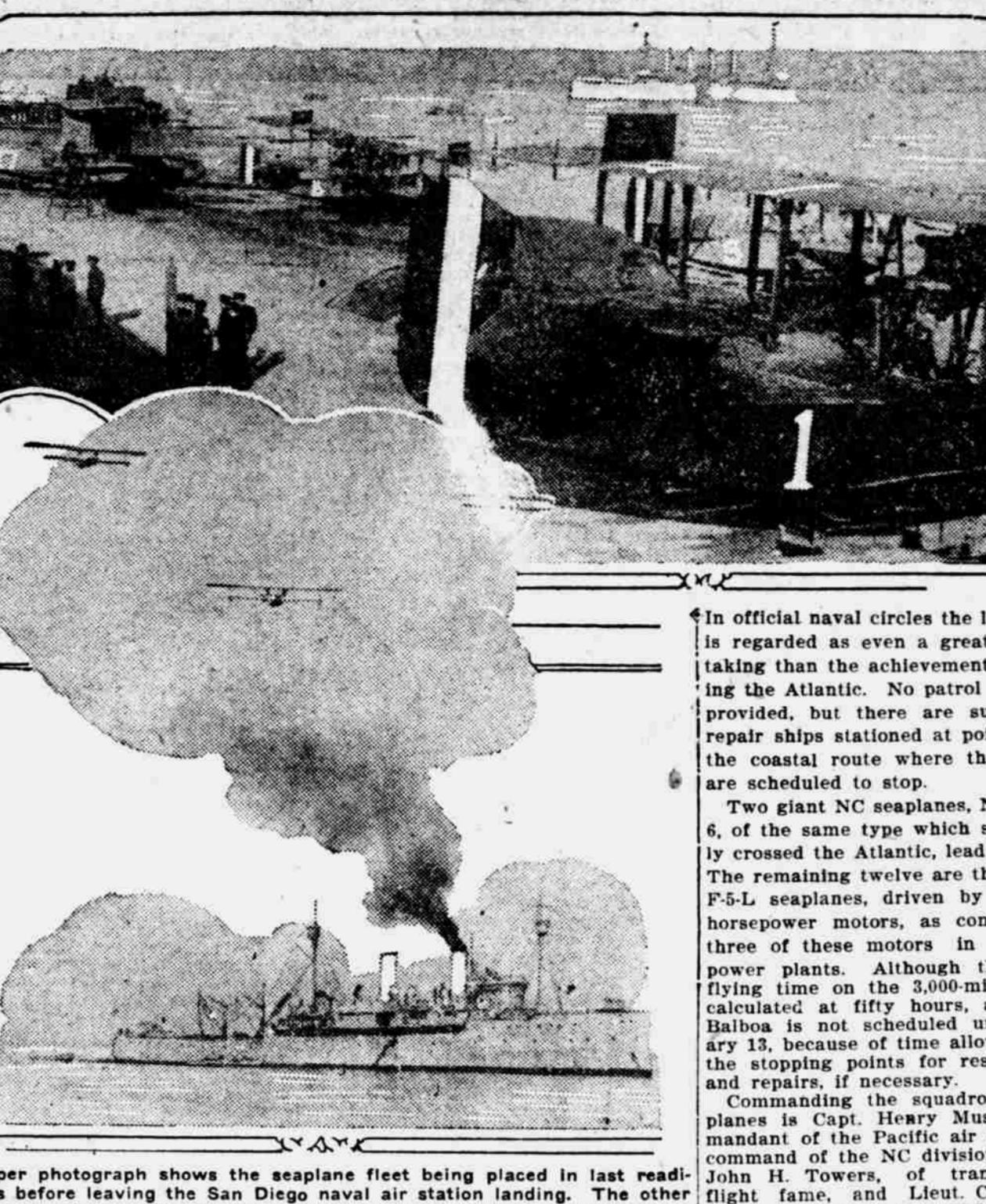
By their vote in November the people decreed that the tall should no longer be the dog in congress."

OPERATE ON CHAMBERLAIN.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—A second operation was performed today on Senator Chamberlain of Oregon. The immediate results were said to be favorable.

Fleet of U. S. Seaplanes Makes 3,000-Mile Flight to Canal Zone



The upper photograph shows the seaplane fleet being placed in last readiness before leaving the San Diego naval air station landing. The other photo shows part of seaplane fleet taking off in formation. At the left of the two seaplanes is a Martin bomber, which acted as pilot as start.

Winging their way from the San Diego naval air station en route to Balboa, Canal Zone, 3,000 miles away, son on the Mexican and Central American west coasts, are a fleet of fourteen seaplanes sent by the navy department on a demonstration flight.

CONTINUE LENNARD CASE TILL WEDNESDAY

Home Rule Measure Will be Storm Center of Legislature

(By Associated Press)

HAMILTON, O., Dec. 31.—The case of John I. Lennard, of Richmond, Ind., accused of aiding and abetting the theft of a car owned by Joseph Scherzinger, of Hamilton, O., was continued until next Wednesday, Jan. 5, when the defendant appeared for trial in the municipal court at Hamilton, O., Friday.

The owner is alleged to have told Walter Brooks and Bud Adams, both of Hamilton, to steal the car in order that he might secure the insurance. Scherzinger was dismissed, when his case came up for trial Friday, the court holding that a man could not steal his own property.

Lennard is alleged to have told Brooks and Adams to steal the car and is alleged to have told them he would buy the car. It is alleged that he bought the car in Richmond.

Lennard was under \$2,000 bond for his appearance Friday and the same bond will insure his freedom from custody until his trial is resumed next Wednesday.

The plea of Scherzinger's attorneys that under the Ohio law a man could not be convicted for aiding and abetting in the theft of his own property, it was held by the attorneys for the other defendants affected the cases of their clients and they asked for time to study the legal angles involved. This was granted by the judge.

Scherzinger, it was alleged, convicted with the stealing of his own car in order that he might collect insurance.

WILLERS SENTENCED FOR DESERTING ARMY

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—John A. Willers, a former captain in the army, who when arrested in New York on Dec. 7, claimed that he had acted as a German spy while serving with the American forces, has been convicted by court martial for desertion from the army and sentenced to five years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, it was announced today at the war department. Willers still is to be tried on charges of theft and embezzlement. The former captain entered the service from Lafayette, Ind.

Weather Forecast

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau—Unsettled weather tonight and Saturday, probably rain, warmer tonight, colder Saturday afternoon.

Temperatures Yesterday

Maximum 45
Minimum 26
Today 41

For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore

—Rain and warmer tonight; Saturday rain, colder Saturday afternoon.

Other Measures

Several and various organizations of professional men also will have their pet measures before the law makers again this session. The chiropractors want to be licensed by a

special board, and the physicians want the present board of medical registration to have the power to cause annual re-registration of all doctors, and the architects want a special board to license their profession like the medical board functions among the doctors. The civil engineers have wants similar to those of the architects.

Party leaders in both houses expect there are other bills that will survive for the legislative comeback, but none prophesies what will happen with any of them. Some may get up next week, item by item, of which there are more than 1,000, calling for an aggregate appropriation of \$333,612.92. Echoes of yesterday's debate on the measure, in which Chairman Good, of the appropriations committee, launched an attack on the shipping board, and declared "not a single penny" would be appropriated for the board if he could prevent it, were looked for in today's discussion. The committee rejected an item of \$127,000 for the board's emergency fleet corporation in reporting the bill. It was also expected that Democratic members from the south would rally to the support of Representative Byrnes, of Tennessee, ranking Democratic member of the appropriations committee, in his fight to include in the bill an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for completion of the dam across the Tennessee river as a part of the Muscle Shoals nitrate plant project.

ORGANIZE SUPPORT FOR HOME-RULE BILL

Heavy pressure for the enactment of a "home rule" bill for Indiana cities will be exerted on the coming state legislative session by representatives from Richmond.

The work of organizing a body of citizens has been taken up by the Young Men's Business club and the proposition has been broached to civic organizations, clubs and councils.

Each organization is to appoint a representative who will go to Indianapolis and meet with Senator G. C. Knapp, who will obtain an appointment with the governor so that they may present their case.

Plan Is Presented.

Thus far the plan that has been presented to the Rotary, Women's and Kiwanis clubs. All have acted favorably and have strongly endorsed the action of the Young Men's club. The Central Labor Council will be asked to take action and appoint a man to represent them.

Walter Davis is chairman of the committee working to form the Richmond representation and is assisted by Benjamin Johnson, Jr., and Lee Dykeman. Other clubs have not named their representatives.

The action of the Young Men's Business club is in line with that followed by many other cities that are anxious for "home rule" legislation. It seems probable according to Mr. Davis that one of the most representative lobbies ever attending a legislative session to the end. It