

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 that whole eastern section 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.

Dawes 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 come from New York City, as it is to anyone else who puts his mind on it with the same intention 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 came 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 only two or three 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 controller 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 knowledge of the war, and 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 unambiguously to Dawes, and appearances now bear out the logic.

Weeks Sure of Place. Of course, if 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

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NEW FOREIGN POLICY WILL BE INITIAL ACT IN REPUBLICAN REIGN

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—With the change of administrations early in a 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.

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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 questions. 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-Italian 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 all party feeling in the provinces shows 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 hurrying all party feeling in order to fight the common foe—Maximilianism 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 what is going on in Italy in 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

(By Associated Press)

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 clean 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 landslide 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 decided that the tail should no longer wag the dog in congress."

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