

HARDING TO APPOINT 50,000 JOB SEEKERS IN NEXT FEW MONTHS

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Upwards of 50,000 appointments to public offices carrying salaries aggregating more than \$100,000,000 a year are to be made by President Harding. Some of these were made today, many others will be announced during the next few months while still others will be made as the terms of present Democratic office holders expire.

The first fruits from the shaking of the official "plum" tree were cabin officers whose salaries are \$12,000 a year each. Others to come include nearly a dozen ambassadors whose salaries are \$17,500 each, many ministers at \$10,000 each, assistant secretaries, federal judges, attorneys and marshals, customs collectors, members of various government boards and commissions and postmasters by the thousands.

In contrast to the huge patronage roll of Mr. Harding are the appointive perquisites of Vice-President Coolidge, whose immediate appointments comprise only his secretary, clerk, page boy and a private telegraph operator. Their salaries total \$7,700 a year. The vice president himself receives \$12,000.

Diplomats to Retire.

As is the usual custom, ambassadors and ministers now serving are expected to present their resignations to President Harding immediately so he may have a free hand in creating his own diplomatic corps. There are 44 ambassadors and ministers.

Among ambassadorships regarded as certain to be filled by Mr. Harding are those to Great Britain, France, Italy, Spain, Japan, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, and Peru. Many new ministers also are to be appointed and when full relations are re-established with Germany, Austria, Mexico, Turkey, and Bulgaria appointments also will be made to those countries.

Among appointments in immediate or early prospect are seven members of the shipping board at \$12,000 each;

two members of the interstate commerce commission at \$12,000 each; five members of the federal reserve board at \$12,000 each; three members of the tariff commission at \$7,500 each; two members of the federal trade commission at \$10,000 each; some of the nine members of the railroad labor board at \$10,000, and four members of the federal farm loan board at \$10,000 each.

Supreme Court Changes.

Four of the nine supreme court justices also may be appointed by President Harding. Chief Justice White and Associate Justices McKenna, Holmes and Day now are eligible, by both age and length of service, to voluntary retirement. The salary of the chief justice is \$15,000 and that of associate justices \$14,500.

Postmasters comprise the bulk of presidential patronage. There are nearly 50,000 postmasterships remaining in the civil service. All have four year terms and it is estimated that President Harding will appoint something like 15,000 during the next year.

In various executive branches of the government, the department of justice leads in patronage, with a roll of about \$12,000, including a solicitor general at \$10,000, one assistant to the attorney general at \$9,000, seven other assistants at \$7,500 and solicitors for the other departments.

In the treasury department, the principal plums are treasurer at \$8,000; the commissioner of internal revenue at \$10,000; the prohibition enforcement commissioner at \$7,500; the comptroller of the treasury at \$6,000; the directors of the mint at \$5,000 and several departmental auditors at \$4,000.

Four assistants to the postmaster general are the best jobs in the post office department subject to political change.

HEALTH OFFICER INJURED

(By Associated Press)

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, March 4.—Dr. Leon Decerra, for many years chief health officer of this city and president of the board of health, was knocked down by a street car here and so badly injured that he may not recover. Both his legs were fractured.

COOLIDGE HAS MANY YEARS OF TRAINING IN PUBLIC STATE OFFICE

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Calvin Coolidge is the first Massachusetts man to hold the office of vice-president since Henry Wilson served in the second Grant administration nearly half a century ago. His advent into office adds to the prominence of his state in national government affairs for it is regarded as almost certain that Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, will be again chosen as Republican leader in the senate, and Representative Frederick H. Gillett as speaker of the house.

Should Mr. Gillett succeed himself, a Massachusetts man will preside over each branch of congress, a most unusual coincidence. More unusual still is the fact that both Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Gillett come from the same congressional district, Northampton, the home of the vice-president being in the same district as Springfield. Both men are graduates of Amherst college.

Vice-president Coolidge is entering upon his first service in the field of national politics, but for 20 years he has been active in the political service of his state, rising from membership in the council of his city to governor of the commonwealth.

In some respects Mr. Coolidge is a figure strange in American public life, being taciturn to a degree and apparently shunning the not light and the glamor which usually surrounds high public officials. To his most intimate friends he is known as "Silent Cal". It is related in illustration of this characteristic that a personal and political friend who had conferred with him in his executive offices at Boston without receiving more than monosyllables for answers finally quit the office in disgust, exclaiming as he came out: "By George, I'd like to be that fellow's stenographer."

But after all, holding public office comes naturally enough to the new vice-president. For generations, ever

since his forebears settled in Water-town, Mass., in 1630 and later went to the rough, backwoods section of Vermont, where he was born on Independence Day, 1872, his family has been identified with public affairs. His father served in the Vermont state legislature and on governor's staffs and for years has been known as a sort of unofficial magistrate and counselor in his section. It was the crowning event of the father's life to witness today the inauguration of his son.

New Paris, O.

NEW PARIS, O.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. W. Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Miss Mary Melody, and Miss Sawyer motored to Eaton, Sunday, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rinehart. Mrs. Lorena Alexander, of Dunkirk, Ohio, is a guest at the Rinehart home....W. E. Jones, who has been spending the winter with his family in Florida, returned Monday. Mrs. Jones and daughters, Mildred and Martha, will not return for several weeks....Miss Pearl Haller, of Richmond, and Edward Rewitzer, of Hamilton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Northrop and family, Sunday....Mr. and Mrs.

Harry Mills are the parents of a baby daughter, born Monday....Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander took possession Tuesday, of the E. J. Stambach farm southeast of New Paris, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Alexander....The Women's Class of the Presbyterian Sunday school will give an old-fashioned sing in the church auditorium, Friday evening. Everyone is invited and urged to attend....Rev. George B. Sessions, of Findlay, who has been conducting revival services at the Methodist church, for the past two weeks, closed the meetings Thursday evening and returned to his home....Mrs. Lena Haller spent from Friday until Sunday in Piqua, where she attended the funeral of a sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Harvey....Misses Emma and Amanda Brower are moving, during this week, to their farm near New Westville. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schmalenberger will occupy the house on North Washington street, vacated by them....Fred Burch spent the weekend with friends in Dayton....Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Royer were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lichtenberger and family, of Richmond....Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Roberts returned Tuesday, after spending several months in

Florida....Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barney are already being formulated for 1921 convention of the Odd Fellows of Illinois, which will be held in Springfield the third Tuesday in October.

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