

### NAMING OF COLBY AS EDITORS SEE IT

Appointment Viewed as Filling Wilson Requirement as to "Willing Mind"

### WHOLE COUNTRY SURPRISED

The appointment by President Wilson yesterday of Bainbridge Colby as secretary of state, succeeding Robert Lansing, is freely commented on by the newspapers of the country. Among the editorial opinions printed today are the following:

New York World.—There could be no more complete defiance of custom and precedent than the selection of Bainbridge Colby to succeed Robert Lansing, and there could be no more complete justification for disregarding those standards than the President's own preference in adhering to them in the past.

In the letter asking Mr. Lansing's resignation, the President said it would relieve him of embarrassment "if you would give up your present office and afford me an opportunity to select some one whose mind would more willingly go along with mine."

New York Times.—In naming Colby as Secretary of State, the President has made a statement which has made no one who reads it understand that he is making a concession to the public opinion.

New York Sun and Herald.—The nation is startled by Mr. Wilson's appointment of Bainbridge Colby as secretary of state at this juncture of our special international affairs.

Philadelphia Public Ledger.—Whether Mr. Colby's mind will go along more willingly with Mr. Wilson's than did Mr. Lansing's has to be demonstrated.

Philadelphia Press.—Mr. Colby is an able man and if given a free hand would no doubt leave the impression of his acquired ideas and opinions on our foreign relations.

### BATTLE ON COLBY IN SENATE PLANNED

Bitter Fight in Prospect Against Confirmation as Secretary of State

### BAKER MAY BE NEXT TO GO

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### Latest Wilson Note Contains No Threat

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Everywhere, the appraisal now is liberal opinion notwithstanding. "Perkins" does not even notice that he is making such an appeal, and time and fate seem to be running inexorably against him.

### PREMIERS TAKE UP LATEST WILSON NOTE

London, Feb. 26.—By A. P. President Wilson's note to the Supreme Allied Council relative to the Adriatic settlement was ready for consideration when the council opened its session today.

Although officials have made no statement relative to the contents of the note, it is understood not to contain the message of American withdrawal from European affairs, but insists upon the adoption of the Adriatic plan agreed upon December 9.

Paris, Feb. 26.—By A. P. President Wilson's reply to the allied powers, says Perkins, writing in Philadelphia's most moderate in form and does not contain the message to withdraw from European affairs, but in substance stands by the Adriatic plan of December 9.

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### RETURN TRUE BILLS IN SHORE SCANDAL

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### GAMBLING PROBE GOES ON

Atlantic City, Feb. 26.—At least one police official and two owners of property in Chelsea are included, according to persistent reports today, in eleven indictments returned by the Atlantic county grand jury at Mays Landing late yesterday, after an all-day probe of the Atlantic City gambling situation.

### DISMISS BRIBERY CHARGES

Case of Six Alleged Conspirators to Defraud U. S. Nears End  
Detroit, Mich., Feb. 25.—(By A. P.)—Charges of bribery against the six men being tried in Federal Court here on indictments alleging a conspiracy to defraud the government of millions of dollars' worth of army ordnance material were dismissed by United States District Judge Tuttle today.

Safeguards Women's Votes  
Washington, Feb. 26.—After ratification of the suffrage amendment no American woman would lose her citizenship by marrying an alien, and no alien woman would acquire American citizenship by marrying an American, under a bill introduced yesterday by Representative J. J. Rogers, Republican, Massachusetts.

### COLBY DECLARES HIS ACCORD WITH WILSON

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