

HARDING MAY NAME 3 OF CABINET SOON

Selection of Hughes, Hoover and Weeks Expected Early Next Month

TO GET IMPORTANT POSTS

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Marion, Dec. 23.—President-elect Harding is likely to announce two or three members of his cabinet early in January. Although no tenders of places in the cabinet have been made, Mr. Harding has pretty definitely made up his mind about the men to fill the posts which, owing to the international or the domestic situation, seem to him most important.

The question of the League of Nations makes the secretaryship of state one of these places. It is necessary that the chief of the cabinet should be in touch with the conference which are going on and the still more difficult conferences during which the Harding plan for a league will be worked out in detail.

Owing to the unsettled state of business conditions, the secretaryship of the treasury is another place which it is important should be filled early. Much legislation relating to the financial policy of the country is pending. Tariff hearings are going on, taxation policies are being developed and it will be to the advantage of the Republicans in Congress to maintain contact with the coming secretary of the treasury. The third most important post is not so clear. It may be secretary of agriculture on account of the serious financial troubles which the farmers of the country are experiencing. It may be secretary of labor on account of a troubled industrial situation, or it may be that Mr. Harding has in mind to emphasize in his administration the importance of some department and has in mind some big man like Herbert Hoover for appointment to it and that he means to announce the name along with those of his secretaries of state and treasury.

At any rate these cabinet announcements may be expected in advance of the others and the names are likely to be made known early next month. It is possible now to speculate more definitely than in the past upon the

principle which will govern in the selection of the cabinet. Mr. Harding will choose these members without regard to geographic considerations and only with a view to their pre-eminence in the various fields which he regards as most important in the existing situation. These selections which will probably be announced first will be counted upon to satisfy the public that he has chosen a big cabinet. In filling the other cabinet posts geographical and other considerations will enter. The first three men will be the kind of men the President would like to have as his advisers if he were utterly free to choose. The rest of the members will be the kind whom he deems expedient to choose for party or sectional reasons.

Of the cabinet in detail it may be said:

That ex-Judge Hughes is still uppermost in the President's mind for secretary of state.

That Herbert Hoover is under consideration for a place in the cabinet, commerce or labor probably.

That Senator Knox is still under consideration for secretary of state, though the probabilities favor Hughes on account of the latter's greater youth and vigor. Senators Penrose and Tower appear to have reached some agreement as to what should be done if Knox resigns from the Senate and this promotes Knox's availability.

That the secretary of labor is likely to be some advocate of social justice of which Mr. Harding has so often spoken, rather than either a professional labor man or an employer or enlightened in his relations with his employees.

That the West is likely to obtain as usual the secretaryship of labor and of the interior.

That the claims of the South for a place in the cabinet are being seriously pressed, but that no candidate from the South has yet been found whose appointment is probable.

Mr. Harding may recognize the South

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In other ways than by naming a southerner to the cabinet. The President is proceeding cautiously in the selection of a cabinet, an example of his care and also of his tendency not to let considerations of personal friendship and established relations outweigh public considerations in his selection of the important post of secretary to the President. In spite of reports to the contrary, Mr. Harding has not yet tendered that post

to any one, or even discussed with any one the acceptance of it. Two reports have gained currency, one that George Christian would be secretary to the President, and the other that Richard Washburn Child, former editor of Collier's, would be.

The report about Mr. Christian seemed likely because of the long personal association between him and Harding. Christian lives next door to Harding here in Marion, turned his house over to the Republican National Committee as headquarters during the campaign and he has been Harding's secretary as senator. But Mr. Christian has not yet been approached with an offer of the secretaryship to the President, neither for that matter has Mr. Child. All discussions of the higher posts than the secretaryship to the President have been tentative and conditional.

Mr. Harding has told his visitors here that he had certain men in mind for the important posts and has asked their opinions. In the case of some men, including probably Mr. Hughes, he has asked them if they could arrange their affairs to serve in the cabinet if he should decide to appoint them. He has not gone further than this in any case.

HARDING SUMMONS HERRICK
Former Ambassador to France Will Discuss International Peace
Marion, O., Dec. 23.—(By A. P.)—Myron T. Herrick, of Cleveland, who was American ambassador at Paris during the early days of the world war, was called to Marion today by President-

elect Harding to discuss the international peace plan to be put before the world by the coming administration. The conference is understood to have concerned particularly the experience of Mr. Herrick abroad last summer, when he made a tour of European capitals and talked with many leading statesmen. At that time it was reported he was gathering information to aid Mr. Harding in perfecting his plan.

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GIFT BASKETS OF Fruit for Christmas! They are the most exquisite things imaginable. Some are beautifully hand-painted, others are decorated in the Florentine manner and there are the hamper, too, whose lids form a most effective background for the bright-colored fruits. Really the collection of Gift Baskets is the most attractive that Hallowell's have ever had. The fruits are, of course, as luscious as ever, and their quality is too well known to need any further comment on my part. Price range is wide—\$5, \$8, \$10, \$12, \$15, \$20, \$25 up to \$50 and \$75. You will make no mistake in sending Gift Baskets of Fruit from Hallowell's, Broad Street below Chestnut. They guarantee perfect delivery anywhere within 1000 miles of Phila.

Deborah Logan
WHEN a silk scarf is unusual in color and design it is really worthy of consideration as a Christmas gift. I saw a Roman-striped silk scarf at the store of A. G. Spalding & Bros., 1219 Chestnut Street, that would brighten up the most somber suit. A white silk scarf, with border striped in gold, brown and blue, is very attractive and a tan scarf with figured border in exquisite pastel shades is one of the loveliest things I've seen in a long while. Another gift suggestion is an angora tam and scarf in maize or old blue. Spalding's have the berets that are being worn with polo cloth coats, too. They come in dark brown and light tan. I noticed, too, some cashmere stockings, with embroidered clocks, at most reasonable prices.

A GIFT that the housewife will appreciate is a set or a single piece of Pyrex transparent ovenware. Almost every one knows how much better food tastes when cooked in Pyrex oven dishes and how much better it looks when brought to the table. These lovely golden-brown dishes are the kind of gift that one likes to receive, because it is an evidence that the giver esteems one's taste. The gift set consists of a dozen pieces—pie plate, bread pan, covered casserole, a round and an oval baking dish with handles and six individual bakeware, which can be used for seared foods, leftovers and desserts. Pyrex transparent oven dishes, plain or with decorative designs, are sold by J. Franklin Miller, 1812 Chestnut Street.

IF YOU'RE in a quandary and really can't decide just what a woman would like to have for Christmas, it must be because you haven't seen those lovely bar-pins at the store of Van Dusen & Stokes, 1123 Chestnut Street. The bowknot pins are very much in favor this year and they really are most effective. Diamonds and sapphires are combined in some of these pins, while others have the bowknot entirely of diamonds. A very pretty bar-pin for an older woman was of black enamel, with a tiny border of white enamel. In the center were several large diamonds. The bar-pins of platinum, in filigree effect, with diamonds, were among the loveliest that I saw at Van Dusen & Stokes. Any woman would appreciate such a gift.

ONE has only to visit the store of Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company, when obsessed by the gift problem, and let one's difficulties vanish into thin air. In answer to the question, "What would a woman like?" I have a veritable host of suggestions. There are exquisite gold meshbags, with jeweled frames, and there are fittings for her dressing table. If she would like a set of Oriental pearls (and what woman would not, surely there is no more fitting time than Christmas to present them). Then there are bar pins, flexible bracelets, rings, card cases, fancy beaded bags, longnettes, photograph frames, oval night bags, slipper buckles, traveling clocks, miniature sets, eau-de-cologne sets, desk sets and stationery.

HAVE you thought of giving slippers? Almost every woman has decided that she must have a pair of those smart strap pumps, so a pair of slippers is a safe choice this Christmas. At the second-floor shop of Del Mar & Company, 1211 Chestnut Street, I saw something very new—a combination of custom-colored suede and black patent leather. The tips were of patent leather and the backs and straps of suede. There was an all-suede pump, with two straps over the instep in the same color. Almost any one would appreciate a pair of black satin slippers with straps crossed at the instep. They are so useful to slip on in the house of an evening and mighty comfortable to unlace in, too.

I KNOW where you can buy a gift box of candy for \$1.25 that will delight even the most fastidious of your friends. It is filled with delicious chocolates and bonbons, and has been marketed at this special price for Christmas shoppers. At the stores of Edmund D. Kruse Company, 100 South Eleventh Street and 4903 Baltimore Avenue, there are also five-pound gift boxes, priced \$3 to \$5. Glace nuts and fruits, which you will want for the Christmas table and for any little affairs you are giving during the holidays, are \$1.25 per pound. Don't forget the candy toys for the kiddies. They are 50 cents a pound at Kruse's. And if you want butter creams—chocolate and vanilla. They simply melt in your mouth and they're only 60 cents a pound.

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