

call a noble brow. The eyes are unflinching but always smiling. In general appearance Tumulty looks something like a fighting parson. You can see just by looking at him that he has a big heart, but he has a way about him of a man who will stand a lot of jollying but no trifling, and who is not afraid to use his fists upon occasion.

**Not Afraid of Anybody**

He is not afraid of any one, and that includes the president of the United States. The conversation had drifted to the kind of secretaries that President Taft had been burdened with and Tumulty said:

"A secretary who is mealy-mouthed, who is afraid to speak his mind and say what he thinks is right, will hamper any executive—will in the end do more downright harm than good."

How much harm can be done by an incompetent or indiscreet secretary is fully realized by Tumulty. He has made a careful study of the various causes which contributed to the success or failure of every administration since Lincoln. He knows to what an extent the wreck of Mr. Taft's administration was due to the light in which the ex-president was shown by his own spokesmen. Mr. Taft was singularly unlucky in his choice of secretaries.

When he was appointed secretary to the governor everybody predicted that one so young and inexperienced would fail ignominiously. That was two years ago and people did not know Tumulty. Now the same men are saying that he will make a tremendous success of his new job. In any case he has the well wishes even of his political enemies.

I asked Tumulty what he read and what his favorite recreation was. He told me that he read politics,

mostly, and that his favorite recreation was politics. Just then Mrs. Tumulty came in and said that she thought her husband worked, ate, played and read politics to the exclusion of everything else, and he smiled and went over and held up one of the children for her to kiss. Then he admitted that, his family and his work aside, he was fonder of the theatre than of anything else. He likes music, but it must be good music. He likes a good, clean, wholesome play; there may be as much comedy about it as the author chooses, but it must be free from all vulgarity. He is the kind of playgoer who loves the theatre and finds mighty few shows that he really approves of.

To complete the picture, Tumulty is as simple in his dress as he is democratic in manner. He wears a plain brown suit of clothes, a comfortable turn-down collar and a black tie. He wears no jewelry except a wedding ring and is as unostentatious as it is possible to be. He is not fond of society, and will probably spend more time in Washington at the National Press club than he will in the drawing-rooms of the socially elect. In this he will differ from his predecessors, who have always attached much importance to the social side of their official life.

There are three classes into which men who have served as secretaries to the presidents may be divided. Some were merely private secretaries, like Carpenter; others were public secretaries, like Hilles; a few have been real assistant presidents, like Dan Lamont. Joseph P. Tumulty will be found in the latter class.

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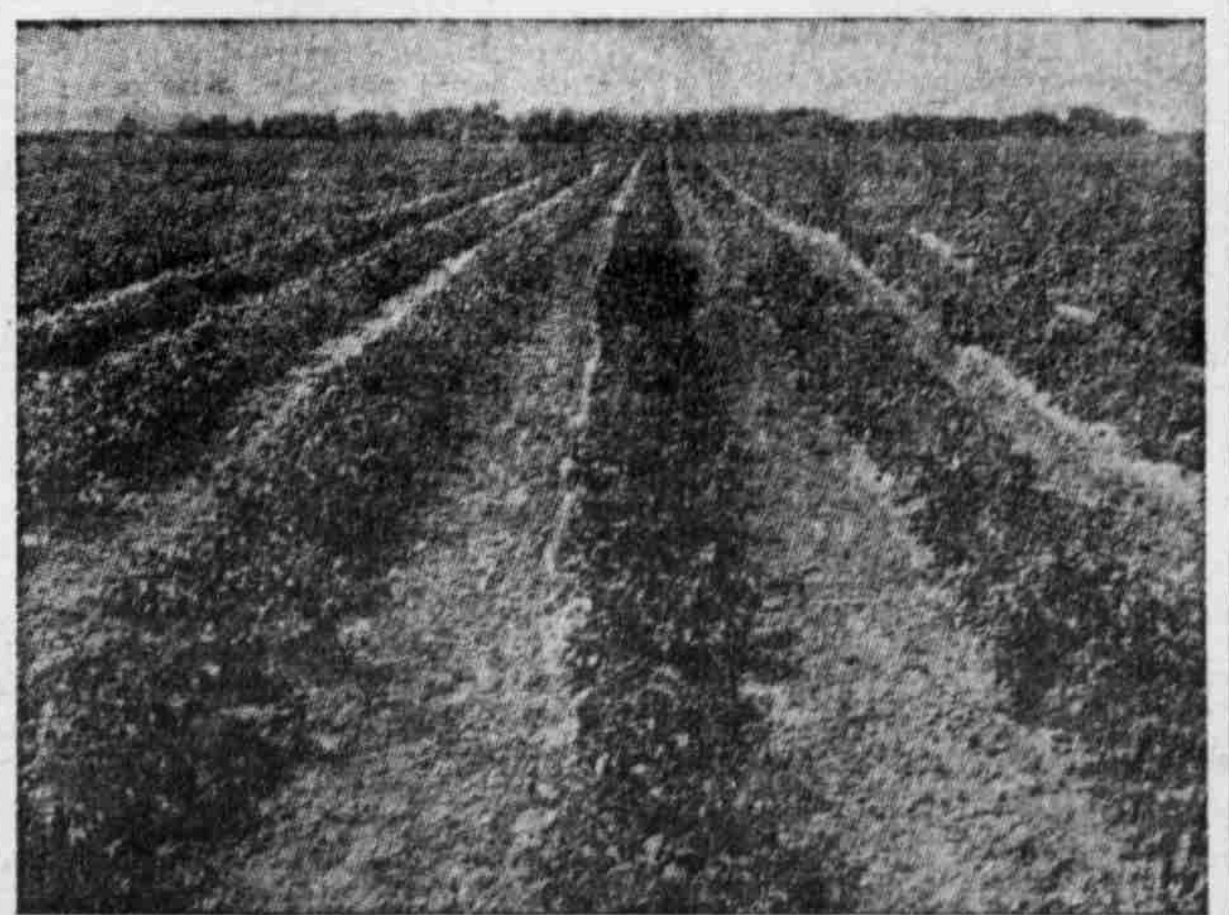
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