

Something About the New Cabinet

President Wilson's new cabinet is as follows:

Secretary of state—William Jennings Bryan, Nebraska.

Treasury—William G. McAdoo, New York.

War—Lindley M. Garrison, New Jersey.

Attorney general—James McReynolds, Tennessee.

Postmaster general—Representative Albert Burleson, Texas.

Navy—Josephus Daniels, North Carolina.

Interior—Franklin M. Lane, California.

Agriculture—David R. Houston, Missouri.

Commerce—Representative W. M. C. Redfield, New York.

Labor—Representative William B. Wilson, Pennsylvania.

Commoner readers are so familiar with the career of the new secretary of state that it is omitted from this list. The Lincoln (Neb.) Evening News gives the following description of the new cabinet members.

W. C. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, was born in Marietta, Ga., on October 31, 1863. He was educated at the University of Tennessee and in November, 1885, was made deputy clerk of the United States circuit court for the southern division of eastern Tennessee. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1885, practicing in Chattanooga and becoming counsel for the Central Railroad and Banking company and the Richmond and Danville railroad. Coming to New York McAdoo looked about for some way to carry out his ambitious plans to become a real railway operator. He discovered that the Haskins company had a concession to build a tunnel to Jersey and had been obliged to abandon the project for lack of capital. So McAdoo borrowed \$70,000,000 and built the twin tunnels which have greatly aided in the development of Jersey as a suburb of New York. During the last campaign McAdoo was in charge of the work of electing Wilson and so well did he accomplish his task, and so great was his attention to detail that President Wilson personally complimented him on the showing. McAdoo is a wonder at any work necessitating attention to detail and this quality attracted the president to him. He has recently been suggested for head of several important railway systems but sidetracked his own plans to aid the incoming administration.

A real newspaper editor was honored when President Woodrow Wilson named Josephus Daniels as secretary of the navy in his cabinet. "Joe" Daniels, as his friends know him, is one of the most successful of southern editors. Incidentally he is also a lawyer and legal friends who have been in close touch with him declare that if he had wanted to practice that profession he would be one of the top notchers.

Daniels was born in Washington, N. C., on May 18, 1862, and received his education in the Wilson, N. C. collegiate institute, becoming editor of the Wilson Advance when only eighteen years old. He became editor of the Raleigh State Chronicle in 1885 and remained in that post until 1894, when he consolidated the Chronicle with the News and Observer. Since then he has been editor of the paper.

Daniels has served as state printer of North Carolina and from 1893 to 1895 was chief clerk of the department of the interior. He has been national committeeman from his state and one of the real workers about democratic national head-

quarters during all of the recent campaigns. He is a student of detail and was responsible for most of the press work that counted in the campaign of last fall.

Representative A. S. Burleson, the postmaster general. The choicest southern dialect in the new cabinet will be furnished by Representative Albert Sidney Burleson, of Austin, Texas. He has achieved a reputation in congress as a firebrand orator and as the wearer of the most comfortable looking summer clothes of any legislator—said garments being a washable blue-jeans sort of stuff that hang loosely about Burleson's spare frame. One other Burleson characteristic is a "bang" of hair that curls forward over his high forehead. Since Representative Sulzer left to become governor of New York, it is the gnest bang in congress.

Burleson is a planter and a lawyer. He is fifty years of age, chock-full of nervous energy and intensely earnest in his conversation. His favorite posture in debate is with his shoulders hunched forward, his head twisted sideways, his florid face all puckered up, and an admonitory finger extended. He has a high-pitched voice, caressingly southern in its drawl. Burleson is comfortably well-off and knows farming—particularly southern farming from the ground up. He has served as a member of the house agricultural committee for years, but recently left that body to devote all his committee time to the big appropriations committee.

Burleson was born at San Marcos, Texas. He was educated at the Texas agricultural and mechanical college, Baylor university and the University of Texas, and started law practice in 1885. For six years he served as assistant city attorney of Austin and was appointed state's attorney in 1891 and elected to that place for three terms. He first came to congress in 1898.

David R. Houston, chancellor of Washington university, who becomes secretary of agriculture in President Wilson's cabinet, is forty-seven years old. He has been at the head of the Washington university since 1908, coming here from the University of Texas where he was president for three years.

He has spent many years studying and teaching subjects related to agriculture, holding a chair in the Agricultural and Mechanical college of Texas from 1894 until 1905. He was president of the college during his last four years there.

In Austin he married Miss Helen Beall in 1895. They have two children. Dr. Houston was born in Monroe, N. C. He attended St. John's academy at Darlington, S. C., and graduated from South Carolina college at Columbia in 1888. He attended Harvard university graduate school from 1891 to 1894, Tulane university in 1903 and the University of Wisconsin in 1906 conferred upon him the degree of doctor of laws.

He is a trustee of the Missouri botanical association, a member of the southern education board, the Slater board and the Rockefeller sanitary commission. He has a membership in the American economic association, Phi Beta Kappa, an honorary fraternity, and Phi Delta Theta. Dr. Houston wrote one book, "A Critical Study of Nullification in South Carolina."

James Clark McReynolds, the new attorney general, is fifty-one years old and is a product of Kentucky,

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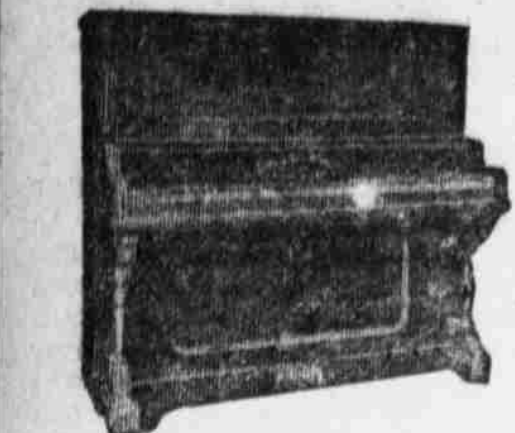
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