Harding Cabinet Assumes Duties Of Government

Charles Evans Hughes Becomes Secretary of State—Ten Minutes Later Secretary Baker Quits Office.

By The Associated Press.

Washington, March 5.—Charles Evans Hughes of New York became secretary of state at 9:53 a. m. today. He was sworn in at the State department by Associate Justice Day of the supreme court.

The brief ceremony was performed in the presence of Bainbridge Colby, the retiring secretary, Henry P. Fletcher, who has been named under-secretary, other officials of the department and a few specially invited guests.

The guests included Mrs. Hughes and her son, Charles E. jr.

Colby's Last Act.

Mr. Colby's last official act was to countersign the warrant of office of Mr. Hughes and the new secretary's first official act was to countersign the commissions of the other cabinet officers.

Secretary Hughes received the congratulations of Mr. Colby and expressed the hope that he could call upon the retiring secretary for his advice and counsel.

Ten minutes after Mr. Hughes took office, former Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts was sworn in as secretary of war, the oath being administered by Associate Justice McReynolds of the supreme court. The ceremony took place in the secretary of war's office.

Those attending the ceremony were Secretary Baker, General Pershing, Major General March, chief of staff, and other members of the general staff and bureau chiefs.

Bureau Chiefs Introduced.

After the oath was administered Secretary Baker presented to the new secretary and Mrs. Weeks the officers and bureau chiefs. There were about a thousand of them who passed along the line shaking hands with Mr. and Mrs. Weeks.

Former Senator Fall of New Mexico, the new secretary of the interior, was the third of the cabinet officers to be sworn in during the day. The oath was administered to him at the Interior department at 10:25 a. m. by W. B. Acker, assistant chief clerk, in the presence of the retiring secretary, John Barton Payne, and officials of the department.

Before taking the oath Mr. Fall delivered a short address to the bureau chiefs, expressing the pleasure he had in joining them in "the great work here."

Secretary Fall announced the following appointments:

Charles R. Safford of New Mexico, former secretary of the senate committee on the Pacific islands and Porto Rico, to be the secretary's assistant.

Charles W. Nestler of Ohio, to continue as assistant to the secretary, and Isidore Shaffer of Boston, to be private secretary.

Davis Is Sworn In.

James J. Davis of Pittsburgh was sworn in as secretary of labor at 11 a. m., the oath being administered by Samuel Gompers, jr., chief clerk, in the presence of the retiring secretary, William B. Wilson, and officers of the department and a few invited guests.

On his arrival at the department Mr. Davis was greeted by Canton, O., and Philadelphia delegations of the Loyal Order of Moose, of which he is the organizer and head. At the time that his chief was sworn in Edward J. Henning of San Diego, Cal., took the oath as assistant secretary of labor.

Andrew W. Mellon of Pittsburgh, who took the oath yesterday as secretary of the treasury, arrived at the Treasury department at 11 a. m. and immediately went into conference with David W. Houston, the retiring secretary.

Wallace Is Sixth.

Henry C. Wallace of Iowa was the sixth cabinet officer to take the oath. It was administered at the Department of Agriculture at 11:17 a. m. by Robert M. Reese, chief clerk of the department, in the presence of bureau chiefs and invited guests, and the retiring secretary, Edwin T. Meredith.

The other four members of the cabinet were to be sworn in during the afternoon. They are Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce; Edwin Denby, secretary of the navy; Will H. Hays, postmaster general, and Harry M. Daugherty, attorney general.

The reappointment of E. D. Ball of Iowa to be assistant secretary of agriculture was announced today at the White House. His nomination will be sent to the senate Monday by President Harding.

Omaha Is Now Divided Into 161 Precincts Instead of 154

Omaha is now divided into 161 precincts instead of 154. Election Commissioner Moorhead has completed the re-precincting provided by law to be made after each presidential election on the basis of votes cast at such election.

Seven of the 12 wards now have more precincts, one remains with the same number and the others have less

The changes made are as follows:

Ward	Precints (old)	Precints (new)
First	14	17
Second	15	16
Third	19	15
Fourth	12	10
Fifth	18	14
Sixth	11	11
Seventh	13	10
Eighth	10	12
Ninth	16	21
Tenth	10	16
Eleventh	9	11
Twelfth	7	8

Funeral of A. B. Van Dyke

Funeral services for A. B. Van Dyke, custodian of records of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company, who died suddenly in his office Thursday afternoon, will be held under the auspices of the Masons, Covert lodge No. 13, at the home, 3018 Nicholas street, Sunday afternoon at 3. Burial will be private.

Capt. White to Leave Ft. Omaha Within Month

Capt. Henry C. White, commandant at Fort Omaha, will leave that post within a month, it became known today. A new commandant will be named, it is believed, aknown yesterday. A new commandant will be named, it is believed, although an order to abandon the post as a balloon school is expected from Washington momentarily.

Captain White has been stationed at Fort Omaha for more than a year and a half. He became commandant on August 1, 1921. He will go to Ross Field, Arcadia, Cal., accompanied by Lieut. R. E. Thompson, present adjutant at the fort.

Capt. Allan McFarland will be senior officer at the fort, and it is possible he will be made commandant.

Helena Has Wood to Burn, But Nobody Wants It

Helena, Mont., March 5.—Helena's three city commissioners are in a quandary. They have 600 cords of slab wood decorating the city corral in neat piles ten feet high, and their difficulty is to "unload" it. There is a bear market in wood. It followed the delivery here of much coal after the nationwide coal strike of last year, and the city now has more wood on hand than it can use in twenty years.

The firemen are tired of chopping it; there are no prisoners in the city jail to "work it up;" the policemen have a horror of it, and the public, which demanded its purchase a year ago at prices ranging from $9.50 to $13.50 a cord, refuse to harbor it.

Water Wagon to Sprinkle City Streets With "Booze"

Albuquerque, N. M., March 5.—"Carrie Nation Day" was observed here January 16 by the W. C. T. U., when 500 gallons of whisky, wine, beer and a varied assortment of "bootleg" products will be poured into one of the large municipal street sprinklers and spread upon the main thoroughfare to "settle the dust."

The liquor that will be sprinkled upon the streets was confiscated by prohibition officers in numerous raids throughout the state during the past few monthss.

Scores of citizens have volunteered their services in hauling the sprinkler through the streets. Seats will be erected atop the "booze wagon" for officers of the state W. C. T. U.

Millionaire Is in Pen For Seven-Year Sentence

Moundsville, W. Va., March 5.—The West Virginia state penitentiary has just received its first millionaire as a prisoner. Henry Feltman, Kentucky tobacco manufacturer, is beginning a seven-year sentence in the penitentiary here. He was charged with violation of the espionage law.

Feltman came here with two other prominent Kentuckians, Henry Kruse, a brewer, and C. B. Schoberg, a shoe merchant, the former to serve five years and the later 10 years.

The three were convicted in 1918 and have since been fighting their convictions in court. Recently they disappeared, but a few days ago surrendered at the office of United States Marshal Cox in Covington, Ky.

Change In Marriage Vow Is Suggested In London

London, March 5.—Speaking at St. James the Less, Bethnal Green, the bishop of Chelmsford, referring to the proposed divorce reform law, suggested altering the marriage service to something like this:

"I, John, take thee, Mary, to be my wedded wife, until one of gets drunk, or until one of us goes mad or gets locked up, or goes to live somewhere else, for three years. Until then I pledge thee my troth."

Dan Was Always Trying To Hang Self In Hoosgow

Detroit, Mich., March 5.—Dan Bulitu, of this city, persisted in hanging around a police station here until the police attendants nearly had nervous prostration. He was first found hanging in his cell by his suspenders. Then he tried his shirt, then his belt and finally his trousers. Not having anything else to hang himself with, he gave up his idea of suicide and declared that life was worth living after all.

Brother of Grain Dealer Unable to Explain Suicide

Had Talk With Emil When in Omaha February 22—Business Not in Bad Condition, He Says.

Albert Rothschild, brother of Emil Rothschild, Omaha grain man who committed suicide Wednesday night, arrived in Omaha Friday for the funeral this afternoon. Albert is a Chicago grain dealer and a member of the Chicago Board of Trade.

"Until my last visit to Omaha I knew nothing of Emil's financial condition," he said. "I had been doing business with him, as we both specialized in barley. We wrote to each other frequently, but Emil did not tell me anything of his affairs.

"I came to Omaha on February 22, however, 10 days before Emil killed himself, and at that time Emil took me into his confidence.

"I told him to buck up—that I couldn't see anything for him to worry about. His business was not in bad condition. He was rather cheerful while I was here on that visit. We talked of many things besides business—old times and that sort of thing.

"I can't account for his action. It was a very hard blow to me, as Emil and I had always been very close to each other. I brought him here from Germany when he was 15 years old. He went to school two years, learning the language, then began to shift for himself.

"He took naturally to the grain business. Our family had been in the grain business for a century back. Three brothers are engaged in it in Hamburg now and another in Argentine. I don't believe he was worried about our parents in Germany, because they are in good health and financial condition.

"I am returning to Chicago tomorrow night. I will have nothing to do with settling Emil's estate."

Texan Trails Crook Through 19 States

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my pistol and covered him. I told him I had a warrant for his arrest.

Nearly Got Away.

Furey began screaming. 'Police! Robber! Bandit!' he yelled. People jumped up from their tables. As people surrounded us, Furey started to push his way out. I grabbed him by the collar—it was a death grip. Bystanders grabbed me and pulled me across the room, but I clung to Furey. I tried to explain to the crowd, but with Furey yelling my explanations were drowned out. Pete drew his pistol. A policeman rushed in and started to hit him with a club. 'He's our man,' yelled Pete. 'We have a warrant for his arrest.' He held up the warrant and the police then took charge of Furey."

At police headquarters in Jacksonville, according to Norfleet's story, Furey offered to bribe officers in an effort to escape. He denied that he was the man Norfleet had a warrant for.

Jumps From Train.

"How do you know this is the right man?" Norfleet was asked.

"Because I have his picture," Norfleet answered.

And with extradition papers from the governor of Texas honored by the governor of Florida. Norfleet started on the home stretch eager to end the man hunt and go back to his people. But the man hunt was not over. Furey escaped later. He jumped from a fast-moving train en route from Jacksonville to Fort Worth. Norfleet and his son stopped the train. They hired an automobile, recaptured Furey, who was injured from the fall, and caught the next train out of Jacksonville.

"It was worth the fortune I lost," Norfleet told me. "The chase was thrilling. I tricked the trickster and proved to the 'master mind' that you can't get away with anything if you pick a west Texan for a sucker."

Airplanes Must Be 2,000 Feet Over N. Y., Says New Ordinance

New York, March 5.—Stunt flying over New York City and operating of airplanes at altitudes of less than 2,000 feet became illegal today under the provisions of a city ordinance recently adopted.

Violators are punishable by a fine of not less than $50 or imprisonment for not more than a year, or both.

Soap Mine Is Discovered On Ranch in California

Barstow, Cal., March 5.—In such the same manner that some small coal mines of the Mississippi valley states are worked soap is being mined in this vicinity. And all that is required once it has been brought to the surface is to put it in tins and cart it away for shipment.

The mine was discovered on his property near here by a Mexican rancher. He took some of the lumps resembling plaster of paris to a Los Angeles laundryman. The result was so successful that the laundryman, aided by financial backers, purchased the ranch, together with a strip of land five miles long which is believed to include the entire vein of soap.

Vienna Has Big Surplus Of Marriageable Women

Vienna, March 5.—The Vienna civil courts are inundated with divorce cases. Most of the petitions are for the dissolution of unions rashly contracted during the war.

There is now a striking decrease in the marriage rate in the city, chiefly due to the enormous price of furniture and the scarcity of vacant flats.

The chances of Viennese girls getting married are very slim, as the latest census shows a surplus of 140,000 women of marriageable age who have no prospect of finding husbands among the men of the city.

New President Faces Hard Test, London Paper Says

People of England Wish Well To Wilson's Successor, Who Is Advocate of Amity Between Nations.

London, March 5.—The Daily Telegraph says the next chapter in American history will see the quality of the president and his administration put to a hard test, even if it be less terrible than their predecessors faced.

After enumerating the problems before the new administration, the Daily Telegraph concludes:

"The people of this country wish well to the American statesman who has made him self a warm advocate of cordial amity between his great nation and the British empire."

The London Times contrasts Mr. Harding's inaugural to that of President Wilson's in 1917, declaring "it restrainedly suggested again that a momentous innovation in the United States policy in world affairs was inevitable."

Commenting on that part of the Harding address concerning America participation and sympathy in international afaiirs the Times says that there he spoke the thought of civilized humanity. Regarding the president's declaration concerning the exercise of sovereignty and that a world super-government could have no sanction in the republic, the Times says:

"Nor would it be sanctioned by any civilized nation, were it proposed."

The newspaper asserts that national sovereignty is not in question.

Referring to Mr. Harding's statement that Americans are ready to encourage a seemly program the Times says:

"No sensible man of the allied nations ever doubted it. But the American people will understand the relation of these ideals to the working of their constitutional institutions is at times a mater of perplexiy in Europe."

Harding Presented With an Airedale Dog Of Champion Caliber

Washington, March 5.—President Harding was presented today with an airedale dog, "Caswell Laddie Boy," who, because of the fondness of the new chief executive for dogs, is expected to become the most popular of the White House pets.

The presentation was made by Charles W. Quetsche of Toledo, O., who said the father of Laddie Boy was "Tin Tern Tip Top," champion airedale of the United States.

Japan's War Budget Is Decreased $5,000,000

Tokio, March 15.—Announcement of the military budget to be requested at the forthcoming session of the imperial diet shows a decrease of $5,000,000 over what was used in the past year. The budget asked is 230,000,000 yen, or $115,000,000.

The greater part of the estimated budget is to go into new national defense schemes. Subsidies of $250,000 are to go into the National Reservist association, while the aerial service of the empire is to be generally expanded.

Bernard Shaw Defines What Middle Class Man Is

London, March 5.—The following si G. Bernard Shaw's definition of the middle class man.

"One who can read and write and do arithmetic, who has had a business training—which means going into an office—and who, when he does not know what to do, does what was done before, and if he cannot do it goes bankrupt."

Costa Rica Army Crosses Panama Frontier Easily

Bocas del Toro, Capital of Province of Same Name, Has Been Captured—Casualties Reported Heavy.

Panama, March 5.—(By The Associated Press.)—Costa Rican forces have crossed the Panama frontier and appear to have overrun the northeastern section of the province of Bocas del Toro. After crossing the Sixola river, which forms the boundary between Costa Rica and Panama, the Costa Ricans captured the town of Guabito, advanced southward, reaching Almirante, 20 miles from the frontier, yesterday afternoon. Unorganized Panaman forces evacuated Almirante.

A bridge across the Sixola river, owned by the United Fruit company, has been blown up, it is reported.

Panama is Ready.

National defense measures passed final reading in the national assembly yesterday afternoon and will become laws upon approval by President Porras.

President Porras has named a defense council of five to which will be entrusted the selection of men for the Panaman army. All men between the ages of 18 and 40 have been called to the colors. Many foreigners in Panama are joining a legion that is being organized by John Sheridan.

Volunteers Ask Service.

San Jose, Costa Rica, March 5.—Reports of fighting along the Panaman frontier and the announcement of the death of Colonel Obregon at Coto have aroused the people of Costa Rica, and large numbers of men are volunteering for service in the army. It is said here that Colonel Obregon's small detachment at Coto was overwhelmed by a force of 1,000 Panamans.

There is some disposition to lay responsibility for the present situation on the United States government, it being declared that no pressure was brought to bear upon Panama to secure that country's assent to the frontier arbitration award, handed down in 1914 by Chief Justice White.

Mine Planting From Air, Latest Invention, Tested by Aviators

Washington, March 5.—A ew method of planting mine fields, involving the use of air craft and a special type mine equipped with a parachute, has been the subject of recent experiments conducted by the navy in Chesapeake bay, it was learned today.

The mine is the invention of Charles Kee, mechanical engineer of Portsmouth, Va. The mechanism consists of the mine, anchor, cable and silk parachutes. Large numbers of airplanes, each carrying a number of the mines, can be sent over the area to be mined and the devices dropped at regular intervals.

The parachute eases the descent to the exact spot selected and the instant the mine hits the water the parachute is detached and floats away. The mine anchor sinks to the bottom, and a predetermined amount of cable is automatically released, allowing the mine to rise to the required distance from the surface.

Divorce Court.

Petitions.

Leslie Biel against Julia Biel, cruelty.

Decrees.

George E. Parker from Hattie Parker, cruelty.