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PRESIDENT HARDING'S CABINET

President Harding has now completed his Cabinet, and although it is a matter which does not interest Canadians to any serious extent, the general opinion will probably be that taking it as a whole, it is a pretty good one. An impression has been abroad in the United States that it was likely to be an "all star" cabinet, but just why this impression existed, or from what cause it arose, is not quite clear. At any rate one does not gather from a perusal of the leading New York journals that the American people is very much enthused over the personnel of the new Executive. Democratic criticism is pronounced, while the Republican and Independent press are very guarded in expressing their endorsement.

The New York Herald regards the new Cabinet as mediocre, neither better nor worse than the Cabinet of any other President in the last quarter of a century, and that taken as a whole, it is every bit as able and worth while. According to the Herald, the reason for the criticism of and disappointment in the Harding Cabinet is clearly due to the fact that the country and the press had come to believe that Senator Harding, elected without political commitments to any one, would commandeer to his service, for his Cabinet men of distinction, higher than had characterized the Cabinets of his predecessors for some years back.

The Harding Cabinet, with the exception of Herbert Hoover, is distinctly Republican and Republican of the original vintage. Mr. Hoover isn't quite the same thing. He has been known to have Democratic sympathies in some respects. Considered in a political sense, he does not qualify in the Harding Cabinet. Few men in America are as strong with the people of the whole country as Herbert Hoover. They believe in him and have come to see him as a man of exceptional ability. His appointment meant much popular strength to the Harding Cabinet.

In a general way Mr. Hughes, as Secretary of State, will rank well with John Hay of the first Roosevelt Cabinet and with Mr. Root of the second Roosevelt Cabinet and with Mr. Knox of the Taft Cabinet. The two Wilson administrations have had no men in the office of Secretary of State who live in the same world with Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Mellon, elected Secretary of the Treasury, is a man of very great ability. He is a distinguished and outstanding example of America's captain of industry—an able, clear headed banker and a sound business man of exceptional capabilities. He should prove a big figure at the head of the Treasury Department. But considered in a popular sense Mr. Harding might have done better. It is true that Mr. Mellon is the richest man in America with the exception of John D. Rockefeller, isn't the same unwarranted prejudice likely to manifest itself against him that has obtained against Mr. Rockefeller and most other men of vast fortune.

Another man of distinguished personality and ability is former United States Senator John W. Weeks. He, too, is a sound business man and an able banker. In addition he is a statesman and a graduate of Annapolis with a naval training. And in himself and in his life work with its broad experience John Weeks ranks high among the big men of the United States.

Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mellon, John Weeks and Herbert Hoover—these four go far, very far, toward bringing the Harding Cabinet up to a first rate average with the Cabinets of a good many years.

WOMEN AS JURORS

Women are now serving in the jury box in England, under a recent enactment which provides that "a person shall not be exempted by sex or marriage from liability to serve as a juror." There does not appear to have been any extensive demand on the part of the women for this privilege in the way there was for the franchise, but apparently the idea seems to be that if they want full rights and privileges and equal economic opportunities of citizenship they must be prepared to shoulder all the burdens also. The principle seems reasonable enough; but it may be doubted if many of those women who clamored so loudly for votes, had ever thought that liability to serve as jurors would follow the granting of the right to cast them, would have been so eager to cast it as they were.

No particularly good purpose is being served by summoning women as jurors, and in fact the inconvenience of doing so has been experienced in more than one case already. There were four men, and still fewer women, who would prefer to be tried by a jury of women. The former would have

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Naturally Speaking.
 Naturally speaking, the chief characteristic of Mr. King's tariff policy is its low visibility.—Hamilton Herald (Ind.)

What He Overlooked.
 When ex-Kaiser Bill returned the other day for the good old middle ages, it escaped his memory that medieval kings, whatever their failings, did some fighting for themselves.—Toronto Star.

Draught But Pertinent.

A bill is now before the Legislature of Quebec which provides for imprisonment without the option of fine, for drunken drivers of automobiles. This is drastic legislation, but it is demanded in the interests of public safety, and it would be well if similar legislation were forced everywhere. We should then have fewer cases of cars running amuck.—Halifax Chronicle.

"The Word Of An Englishman."

We ought long ago to have written off our war debts owed to us by our allies, and every month that passes shows how much friction and bitterness will be lavishly by any attempt to collect them. On the other hand, all the traditions of British financial prestige surely demand that we should, at any sacrifice, meet our own promises to pay. Suggestions have lately been made in the daily press that we should propose to America that she should take payment of our debt to her in the shape of our olive oil. This is not the way in which the word of an Englishman has been made proverbial throughout the world as an expression of scrupulous honesty and the best asset we own. America has money to us, and we have to pay it. To ask her to "read through" us to debtors who are less able to pay is to propose a composition, and weakened as we are by the war, we are not weakened to that point, or anywhere near it.—London Economist.

A BIT OF VERSE

SHOCKING.

It shocks me something awful, to go down the street,
 And see the dear young ladies, once quite demure and sweet,
 Now showing up quite boldly their lovely limbs in the street,
 Which they kept closely covered during several recent years.

Some are yet a little bashful, and only show their shell like appendages, the dainty bits of art
 Which nature, in her wisdom, placed upon each pretty head,
 So that every prying maiden could hear all that was said.

I am trying hard to figure why they are so bold and free,
 And shook us all severely, and make our blood run cold;
 Can it be that fashion's dictates, laid down by the great Paris?
 Have caused the dear young ladies to lose their modesty?

Or is it that at Christmas they received
 Of very pretty earrings, and these they wish to wear;
 But whatever is the reason, it sure is strange to see
 The ears that once were hidden, now showing bold and free.
 —Slabad, in Toronto Star.

THE LAUGH LINE

The experts say a broad flat nose indicates a creature of no brains. It may, however, indicate that it has been thrust once too often into the affairs of other people.—Baltimore Sun.

The Sign.
 Maker—A think the gilt is off the gingerbread as far as the marriage of the Newby's is concerned.

Quisling—How do you say that?
 Maker—Mrs. Newby has started eating onions again.—Answers.

Naturally.
 Miss Perle—There was a peach of a show. One of the females, my boys, were absolutely nothing but a single catfish.

Ant Lady—Shocking! What kind of a creature could she have been?
 Miss Perle—She was a trained cat.—Houston Post.

Self-Explanatory.
 I see where a bank cashier has mysteriously disappeared.
 "Anything missing?"
 "Fifty thousand dollars of the bank's money."

"Where's the mystery?"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

What They're Looking For.
 Mr. Newse—Gold has been found in Ireland?
 Mr. Facts—Yes, I know. But Irishmen are not looking for gold these days; they want bricks.—Answers.

Not Helping Providence.
 Mrs. Johnston—"How does your feel this mornin'?"
 Mr. Johnston—"I feel bad—mighty bad! I wish that Providence would have mussy on me 'n' take me."

Remarkably Heavily.
 "I was reading a magazine article the other day," said the boarding house keeper, "in which the writer advanced the theory that fully two-thirds of the diseases that afflict humanity are due to over-eating."

"Well, I suppose that's about right," rejoined the scanty haired bachelor at the foot of the table. "Anyhow, it is months since any one was ill at this establishment."—Houston Post.

Statesmanship.
 "How do you manage to sell so many useless workers?"
 "It's due to my method of approach," said the smart salesman.

"I begin my little talk by saying, 'Madam, I have called to enable you to spend every afternoon at the movies.'"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Benny's Note Book

BY BEN PAIR

Me and pop was taking a walk before supper, pop jest wawking and me, wawking and asking questions and tripping over cracks and things in the pavement, and after a while pop sed, Say, for the love of Mud and all the little Muds, are you out wawking or out tripping?

Wy, pop, did you notice me tripping? I sed.
 I did, and it would give me grate pleasure to notice your stopping it, sed pop, try to have as much respect for your shoes as if you paid for them yourself, try to lift your feet when you wawk.

I do lift them, pop, ony the trouble is I dont always lift them high enuff, I sed.
 Wich jest then I tripped agen, pop saying, Wats the idee of fawking to you, I mite as well try to tawk to an income tax collector.

Well I bet I dont trip agen, do you want to bet, pop? I sed.
 No, sed pop. Wich jest then I tripped agen, saying, See, are you sorry you didnt bet, pop?

Im sorry I ever came out to wawk with you, youre about as restful and soothering as an earthquake, sed pop. Meaning it, southeasterly, and we kept on wawking and all of a suddin was I tripping agen, Now are you sorry you didnt bet, pop?

The next time you stumble Im going to send you back home by yourself and you can trip all the way if you want to, sed pop.

Well I bet I dont trip agen, pop, Im going to keep my mind on it, I sed.
 Wich I did for a while and then I started to think about it, people could jest fly along close to the pavement instead of wawking, and wat did I do but trip agen, pop, Home you go, double quick.

Aw G pop, gosh, it aint my fault, its more of a habit than anything else, I sed, and pop sed, Havent you started yet, and I sed, Yes sir. Wich I did, not tripping wants all the way, sed pop.

WESTERN UNION CASE.
 New York, Feb. 25.—Federal Judge Hand today handed down an opinion denying the petition of the United States Government for the right to prevent the Western Union Telegraph Company from carrying its cable from the Barbadoes to Miami, Fla.

The world's busiest corner is Columbus Circle, New York city, where 350,000 vehicles of all kinds regularly use the streets during the day. Between 8 a. m. and 6 p. m., nearly 40,000 motor vehicles pass daily.

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