

of the Harding Cabinet

President Harding's backbone, his refusal to be dictated to by any clique or faction within his party, is demonstrated to the satisfaction of many journalistic observers by his first official act, the selection of his cabinet. Noting that three outstanding figures, Mr. Hughes as secretary of state, Mr. Hoover as secretary of commerce, and Mr. Wallace as secretary of agriculture, were chosen in the face of formidable opposition, the independent New York Weekly Review thinks that "the time has come when one may regard the charge that Mr. Harding was a mere puppet in the hands of the 'senatorial clique' as definitely disproved." The New York Evening Mail (Ind.) thinks that it is "a cabinet that spells America about as accurately as any other group of men likely to be gathered around a president's council table." On the other hand, the Omaha World-Herald (Ind.) says that the Harding cabinet announcements "dilute, to the Volsteadian measure of one-half of one per cent, the lively hopes that were aroused when we were assured that a Republican Administration would rally the best minds of the country to the public service." The Philadelphia North American (Progressive) says that "It would be an extravagance to call the new cabinet great, but no less absurd to assume that it is not capable of good service."

THE LITERARY DIGEST this week, March 12, in its leading article presents all angles of public opinion upon the strength and weakness of the Harding cabinet, and gives a brief biography of each member of it, with his photograph.

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