

Cabinet Ministers Object to Salary Cut

Personnel of Cabinet and Ministers

The proposal which has been voiced in several London newspapers that the salaries of the British cabinet ministers be reduced does not appear to commend itself to a majority of the cabinet. Some of the ministers hold that it would be a good arrangement if all salaries of £5,000 (\$25,000) and upwards were reduced during the war the ministers' salaries included, but they asked why the ministers, who are hard-working men, should suffer while business men who are making big incomes escape.

It is apparent that any proposal to reduce the salaries of members of Parliament would be strongly opposed, because Laborites and Nationalists, for example, would not be able to continue their respective representations if they were not paid.

The personnel of the British cabinet and the salaries of the members are as follows:

- Prime Minister, Herbert Henry Asquith—Unpaid.
- Lord High Chancellor, Lord Buckmaster—\$50,000.
- Lord President of the Council, Earl Beauchamp—\$10,000.
- Lord Privy Seal, Earl Curzon—Unpaid.
- First Lord of the Treasury, the Prime Minister—\$25,000.
- First Lord of the Admiralty, Arthur J. Balfour—\$22,500.
- Secretaries of State:
 - Home Affairs, Sir John Simon—\$25,000.
 - Foreign Affairs, Sir Edward Grey—\$25,000.
 - Colonies, A. Bonar Law—\$25,000.
 - War, Earl Kitchener—\$25,000.

India, Austen Chamberlain—\$25,000.
 Chancellor of the Exchequer, Reginald McKenna—\$25,000.
 Secretary for Scotland, Thomas McKinnon Wood—\$10,000.
 Chief Secretary for Ireland, Augustus Birrell—\$22,125.
 Presidents of the Committees of the Council:
 Board of Trade, Walter Runciman—\$25,000.
 Local Government Board, Herbert Samuel—\$25,000.
 Board of Agriculture, Earl of Selborne—\$10,000.
 Board of Education, Joseph Albert Pease—\$10,000.
 First Commissioner of Works, Louis V. Harcourt—\$10,000.
 Lord Chief Justice, Lord Reading—\$35,000.
 Attorney-General, Sir Frederick E. Smith—\$35,000.

SEEN BUT NOT HEARD.

Representative Weaver of Oklahoma who enjoys the reputation of being an eloquent and forceful speaker habitually uses many gestures when talking in public, particularly when he is deeply in earnest. His movements are characteristic and when he gets to going well the air in his vicinity is generally pretty thoroughly agitated by his hands and arms as they work in unison. Shortly after he had made a speech which he thought was rather good he asked a colleague if he had heard it.

"No," the other answered, "I was sitting too far off to hear much of it but I saw it distinctly."

AMSTERDAM TELEGRAAF EDITOR ARRESTED

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Considerable uneasiness has resulted in Holland from the arrest of Schroeder, the editor of the Amsterdam Telegraaf, on a charge of endangering Dutch neutrality.

It is understood that there will be a public protest against the Government's action.

President Wilson Seeks Re-Election

He is Definitely in the Field—Announces Democratic Committeeman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Wilson's tacit acquiescence in the invitation of the Democratic National Committee to become a candidate for re-election is seen by Democratic politicians in today's developments. The President entertained the National Committee at an elaborate luncheon at the White House and delivered a speech predicting party success in the 1916 campaign.

Members of the committee said after the luncheon that they did not expect any further announcement from the President on his candidacy for re-election. They interpreted the President's action in entertaining the committee and addressing them upon the subject of party success, following so closely on the adoption of a formal resolution urging him to be a candidate, as nothing less than his entry into the national campaign. "The committee nominated him last night," said a prominent National Committee man, "and if there has been any doubt in his mind as to what he was going to do about it he certainly would have indicated this today. I predict there will be no formal announcement from the President as to his willingness to be the standard-bearer of his party next year."

A statement published by the proprietor of the Telegraaf in last week's issue says:

"The attitude of the Telegraaf will not be altered by the arrest of its editor. I am pro-ally and shall do all in my power on behalf of the cause of the allies. I consider that in so doing I am rendering a great service to Holland."

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Why the Czar Put Aside the Grand Duke

Things have happened in Russia with startling promptitude and just as predicted in this column. For no one in his right senses believes that the czar has suddenly, and without any apparent cause, sent his dearest of all the Muscovite forces, all the way back into the wilds of the Caucasus, after depriving him publicly of his exalted position, which amounted almost to dictatorship, unless he had ample and all sufficient reasons for such a deliberate and startling step.

Grand Duke Nicholas heads the court clique of Pan Slavists, composed mostly of members of the Romanoff family, who have long tired of the weak and vacillating but peacefully inclined Nicholas as the ruler of Russia. He would have been deposed long before this, but for the lack of a plausible cause. This cause, as has been pointed out before, was furnished most opportunely through the recent events, manipulated in a fashion of the wily grand duke and his fellow plotters to disgust the masses by reverses, due apparently to unpreparedness of the czar to let his enemies get the better of him and to threaten the very heart of "holy" Russia, when the redoubtable grand duke, with an iron fist, would grasp the reins of government, depose the czar and raise the standard of Pan Slavism, much in the same manner as Islam has raised the green flag of the prophet, proclaiming a holy war.

It is plain that the czar's suspicions were aroused by the uncalled for praise bestowed by the British and French press so persistently upon the grand duke about "his masterly retreat" day after day when they and he knew how utterly undeserved this was. And, as usual, no doubt there were among the grand duke's accomplices some who played a double game and through these, using feminine intercession and help, czar and czarina were "put wise" as to what was going on at the front and among the army, where the plain soldiers were one solid mass of grand ducal followers. That this cannot also be said of the officers, whom the royal commander-in-chief treated as dogs, inflicting unheard of punishment for trivial breaches of discipline, may well have been the cause of his downfall—The Great Divide.

BEAR HUNTERS

ALL the talk is now war, hosts are gathered from afar; every mother's son you meet chatters, as he walks the street, how the British or the French (under Joffree) seized a trench. Every brave young British man hopes some day to lead the van on a gory battle-ground, baffled foemen strewn around. Still, in spite of war's alarms, some must work upon their farms; wheels of commerce in their groove somehow must be made to move. Winter's coming, don't forget, the streets are getting mighty wet; you must soon begin to choose just what brand of rubber shoes you will for that season buy for your wife, your girl, your boy. Sometimes you will buy a shoe which will wear a week or two, then you find the heels and soles quickly fill with jagged holes. Some may cost \$1.10, which will wear some days, and then, in through heel and in through toe you will find the water go: coughs and colds with speed will follow—your cheeks become both pale and hollow. Here's advice we give you, friend: your rubber troubles you can end—in any part of Newfoundland you can buy the old Bear Brand. On the sole of every pair you'll find stamped the Polar Bear. The Bear means money saved to you, and likewise 'tis a stylish shoe. No more we'll say, my dear old chap, but add the proverb: "Verbum sap."—nov12,tf

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Roosevelt Strength Has Vanished

"Notwithstanding the tremendous popularity of the colonel in Pennsylvania, the decision of the former president not to return to the Republican party will in no manner affect the Republican strength in the Keystone State," remarked A. B. Hite of Pittsburg, at the Willard. "Col. Roosevelt's activity and his personal popularity put a dent in the old organization in 1912, but last year, despite

his effort for Mr. Pinchot, he failed to turn many votes. That of course, was a state and congressional election and the friends of the colonel satisfied themselves by declaring that there were no national issues involved. "Pennsylvania, however, has repented of her progressive folly of 1912, and next year, unless my calculations are all awry, the Progressive vote in the election will be practically negligible. I presume some of the colonel's followers of the last presidential year will align themselves with him in 1916, but the great mass of voters will be found as of yore in the Republican ranks."