

SENATE CONFIRMS TAFT'S CABINET

**Tillman Attacks Meyer and
Bailey Asks About Nagel's
Standard Oil Retainer.**

LOEB WILL BE COLLECTOR

**Nominated for New York Post—Col-
lector Fowler Stirred Up Labor
Against Taft's Candidacy.**

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WASHINGTON, March 5.—Without any formality the Senate to-day confirmed the Cabinet selected by President Taft, the composition of which has been announced already by THE NEW YORK TIMES. The submission to the Senate of the list of appointees was the President's first official act of the day, and with the names of his official family he sent in also the names of several personal friends, including William Loeb, Jr., secretary of Mr. Roosevelt, to be Collector of Customs for the District of New York. The list of nominations follows:

PHILANDER C. KNOX of Pennsylvania to be Secretary of State.

FRANKLIN MACVEAGH of Illinois to be Secretary of the Treasury.

JACOB M. DICKINSON of Tennessee to be Secretary of War.

GEORGE W. WICKERSHAM of New York to be Attorney General.

FRANK H. HITCHCOCK of Massachusetts to be Postmaster General.

GEORGE VON L. MEYER of Massachusetts to be Secretary of the Navy.

RICHARD A. BALLINGER of Washington to be Secretary of the Interior.

JAMES WILSON of Iowa to be Secretary of Agriculture.

CHARLES NAGEL of Missouri to be Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

HUNTINGTON WILSON of Illinois to be Assistant Secretary of State.

BEEKMAN WINTHROP of New York to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

WILLIAM LOEB, JR., of New York to be Collector of Customs for the District of New York.

LEWIS DALBY of Virginia to be an Indian Inspector.

JOHN P. McDOWELL of Illinois to be Receiver of Public Moneys at Williston, N. D.

Knox Again Under Discussion.

There was some brief discussion over the nomination of Mr. Knox. Senator Penrose had announced that his former colleague had sent in his resignation to Gov. Stuart of Pennsylvania several days ago. There was no other proof of this action having been taken, and several Senators expressed the opinion that they might be infringing the law by confirming Mr. Knox if his resignation, for any reason, had not been received by Gov. Stuart or had not been acted upon.

Senator Tillman took this view of the situation, but he declared he would not interpose objection. In the absence of opposition from Mr. Tillman no other Senators felt called upon to act, and Mr. Knox was confirmed.

The Senate then took a recess for fifteen minutes to permit the various committees, to which had been referred the other nominations, time to examine and report on them. At the expiration of a quarter of an hour the Senate returned to executive session.

Some rather sharp comments were made by Mr. Tillman concerning the nomination of Mr. Meyer and by Mr. Bailey concerning Mr. Nagel. Mr. Tillman called attention to the investigation of him by the Post Office Department during Mr. Meyer's incumbency of the office of Postmaster General. He said: "Meyer accused me of being a liar when I was not," and "I accused Meyer of being a liar when he was." At the same time Mr. Tillman did not object to confirmation.

The comments of Mr. Bailey upon the qualifications of Mr. Nagel had reference to the latter's services as counsel to the Waters-Pierce Oil Company. In speaking of this, Mr. Bailey said he understood that Mr. Nagel had been an attorney for the Standard Oil Company. Mr. Borah replied that he had investigated this charge and found that its only basis was the fact that Mr. Nagel, for the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, had once passed upon the validity of an opinion of a court.

Will Confirm Loeb To-day.

The Cabinet was confirmed without opposition on the vote, and the Senate adjourned. Huntington Wilson also was confirmed as Assistant Secretary of State. This was done at the request of Mr. Knox. No action was taken on the nominations of Mr. Loeb and the others. It has been agreed to confirm them tomorrow.

George W. Wickersham took the oath of office as Attorney General at the Department of Justice at 3:45 this afternoon. The only persons present were Mrs. Wickersham and their daughter, Miss Lillie Wickersham; Lady Hadfield, Mr. Wickersham's sister, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft and Mr. Cole, private secretary. At the conclusion of the brief ceremony the principal officers and clerks of the department were introduced. Attorney General Bonaparte went to his home in Baltimore this afternoon.

The other members of the Cabinet will take the oath of office to-morrow morning with the exception of Messrs. Dickinson and MacVeagh, who are in Chicago, and whose personal affairs will not permit of their reaching Washington for a few days.