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CROMWELL NAMED ENVOY TO CANADA

Husband of Doris Duke to
 Succeed Roper—Messersmith
 to Be Ambassador to Cuba

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 4—James H. R. Cromwell of New Jersey, husband of Doris Duke, tobacco heir-ests, was appointed Minister to Canada today to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of Daniel C. Roper, former Secretary of Commerce.

President Roosevelt also sent to the Senate a number of other important diplomatic appointments. Many of them were from the ranks of the career service.

As had been forecast, George S. Messersmith, at present Assistant Secretary of State in charge of budgetary and other administrative matters in the State Department, was appointed Ambassador to Cuba, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. Butler Wright.

Breckinridge Long, who was third Assistant Secretary of State in the Wilson administration, Ambassador to Italy for the first three years of the present administration and who is now in the Special Division on War Problems in the State Department, was named to succeed Mr. Messersmith as Assistant Secretary of State.

John Cudahy, Minister to Ireland, was appointed Ambassador to Belgium, succeeding Joseph E. Davies, who is entering the Special Division to give attention to trade agreements and other questions.

R. Henry Norweb, Minister to the Dominican Republic, was appointed Ambassador to Peru, a post that has been vacant since Laurence A. Steinhardt went to Russia as Ambassador.

He is being succeeded in the Dominican Republic by Robert M. Scotten, a career diplomat who is now Counselor of Embassy at Madrid.

Other Posts Open

More diplomatic appointments are expected to be made soon, for the post in Ireland is now becoming vacant, while there is no Minister to Bulgaria. The Berlin post is to remain vacant for an indefinite period, as no appointment of an Ambassador there is in immediate sight. A new appointment will be made soon of a Minister to Australia, as the United States is opening a legation there.

The appointment of Mr. Cromwell came as a surprise. Although he has had no previous diplomatic experience, he has long been interested in public affairs and has been on a plane of personal friendship with President Roosevelt. Recently he conferred with the President on ways that he could be useful in public service.

The Canadian post is one of the

most important in the diplomatic service because of the economic relations of the two countries as well as their proximity. One of the first problems with which Mr. Cromwell will have to deal will concern phases of the play for developing the St. Lawrence River as a deep waterway and a power project.

Mr. Cromwell was the only new member added to the diplomatic ranks in today's appointment. Mr. Cudahy, although not a career diplomat, was appointed Minister to Poland in 1933 and transferred to Ireland in 1937.

Mr. Messersmith entered the Foreign Service in 1914, served at many posts abroad and was appointed Minister to Austria in 1934. He became Assistant Secretary of State in 1937, an office in which he has not only handled administrative matters but has been a close adviser of President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull on European affairs.

Mr. Long is a professional diplomat, with service intermittently over nearly a quarter of a century. He was third assistant secretary of State from 1917 to 1920, and Ambassador to Italy from 1933 to 1936. He entered the special division upon the outbreak of the European war.

Mr. Norweb is a career diplomat, having entered the foreign service in 1916. He was appointed Minister to Bolivia in 1936 and to the Dominican Republic in 1937.

Mr. Scotten also entered the foreign service in 1916, after graduating from Yale in 1914. He served in Berlin, Madrid, Guatemala, Constantinople, Rio de Janeiro, Asuncion and Santiago before being appointed counselor in Madrid, his present post.

Cromwell an Economist

James H. R. Cromwell scorns the "idle rich" and has always energetically sought to keep himself busy. An economist and writer,

Mr. Cromwell and his wife live on a 2,500-acre estate at Somerville.

Personally friendly to President Roosevelt and some of his policies, especially those dealing with foreign affairs, Mr. Cromwell has opposed others and could not be termed a New Dealer in the full sense of the word. He and his wife have been White House callers.

Mrs. Cromwell, the daughter of the late James B. Duke, has been reported the heiress to between \$30,000,000 and \$50,000,000. In 1936 the Senate Committee on Campaign Expenditures reported that she had contributed \$50,000 to the Democratic campaign last year.

Mr. Cromwell, a stepson of the late E. T. Stotesbury, Philadelphia financier, attended Lawrenceville School and the University of Pennsylvania and was a marine captain in the World War.

After the conflict he engaged in the automobile financing business and was later vice president of the Peerless Motor Company.

Co-author of "In Defense of Capitalism," he considers the profit system sound and has said that its difficulties arise in the failure to understand certain dynamic and functional aspects of money. He helped to found the Sound Money League and joined the movement to free Tom Mooney.

In New Jersey he has served on the Tax Law Revision Commission. He and his wife are both reported to have given many thousands of dollars to charity.

Mr. Cromwell was at one time well known as an excellent amateur boxer. It is said of him that he fought three fast rounds with Tommy Loughran.

Mr. and Mrs. Cromwell were married on Feb. 13, 1935.