

HEARD AND SEEN IN WASHINGTON.

It was my privilege to spend one solid hour a few days ago, in the office of the C. Bascom Slamp, the congenial Secretary of the President. The hour spent there was repaid not only by the courtesies received at the hand of my friend Slamp, but by the things that I heard and ~~saw~~ the people that I saw. The Secretary was busy most the time attending to callers, to important people who came to keep appointments with the President of the U.S. I was not alone in the office. There were others waiting their turn to see the Chief. Was I waiting to see him too? No. I was there to see Slamp. But I saw the President eventually for a few minutes; just enough to shake hands and say howdy.

I said that I was repaid for the time spent at the White House, and that is true. During my talk with the Secretary, bits of talk broken now and again by some caller in person or on the phone, many important men and women passed through that office.

There was Henry Ford, with his lawyer and his engineer and two other interested friends. They came to talk with the President ^{ssel} about Musle Shoals, and, incedentally, of other things. Everybody in that room crammed his head to see Henry Ford and then conveyed to his neighbor the information: "that is Henry Ford." Was it Barnum who said it? Yes, we still like to be buncoed, meaning by this, that we gape as much as any other people when we meet a celebrity, ~~be~~ he a Ford, a Lincoln or a Cadillac.

Next to pass in review was the Hon= ^{the distinguished lawyer of} Charles Warren, /of Michi-
gan, late Ambassador to Japan and who, together with ^{was}
instrumental in devising the present treaty with Mexico thus putting
an end ~~of~~ to the long standing breach between the two contries. Mr.

Warren, who had been on the National Committee, had worked hard and faithfully in Chicago during the two weeks of the contests before the Committee. His experience as a Lawyer did much to help in finding ~~out~~ and straightening out many difficult problems coming forth by the election of delegates in the South.

After he left the President's office Mr. Warren told me he did not care for any office, not even that of Senator. He wants to attend to the education of his boy. "I have done my bit for my country ever since 1917 and I believe I am entitled to take a rest now," he told me.

Next was Mrs. H. Upton, the Vice President of the Republican Executive Committee. Everybody knows Mrs. Upton.

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