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# Constitutional Officers

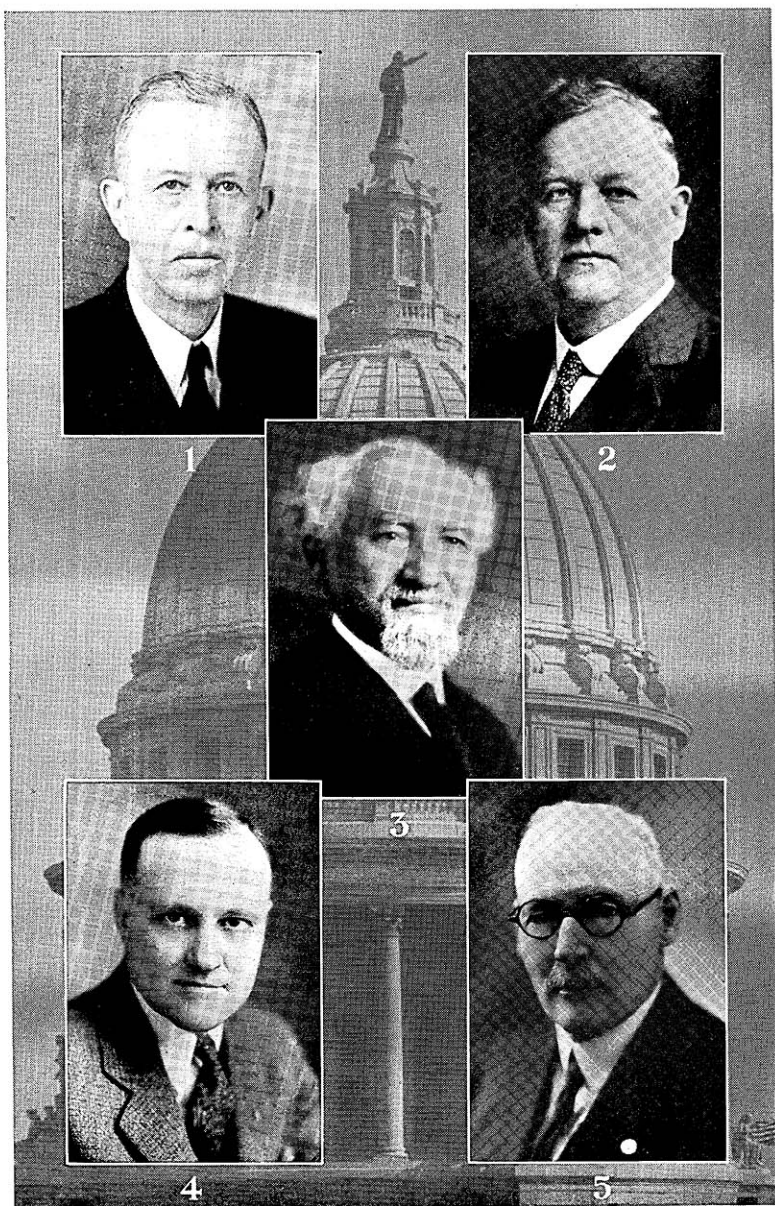
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Governor Philip F. La Follette.



(1) Henry A. Gunderson, Lieutenant Governor;<sup>1</sup> (2) Theodore Dammann, Secretary of State; (3) Solomon Levitan, State Treasurer; (4) Orland S. Loomis, Attorney General; (5) John Callahan, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

<sup>1</sup> Resigned October 16, 1937.

## CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

### THE GOVERNOR

PHILIP F. LA FOLLETTE (Prog.) was born at Madison, Wisconsin on May 8, 1897. He attended the public schools of Madison and Washington, D. C. and later entered the University of Wisconsin where he received his B. A. degree in 1919 and his LL. B. degree in 1922. He was district attorney of Dane County in 1925 and 1926, and was a lecturer in law at the Law School of the University of Wisconsin from 1926 to 1930. During 1918 he served in the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. He was married in 1923 to Isabel Bacon of Salt Lake City. They have three children, Robert M., Judith Bacon, and Isabel Bacon. Governor La Follette served his first term from 1931 to 1933. In 1934 he was reelected on the Progressive ticket and was again reelected in 1936.

Residence: Madison.

### THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

HENRY A. GUNDERSON<sup>1</sup> (Prog.) was born in Columbia County on June 20, 1878. He was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1900 and received his LL.D. degree from Columbia Law School in 1903. Mr. Gunderson has practiced law in Portage since 1904 and has served as district attorney of Columbia County at various times. He was elected lieutenant governor in 1936.

Residence: Portage.

### THE SECRETARY OF STATE

THEODORE DAMMANN (Prog.) was born on November 4, 1869, at Milwaukee. His father, the Reverend William Dammann, was a pioneer Lutheran pastor of that city. Mr. Dammann received his early education in the public and parochial schools and later attended Concordia College, Milwaukee. He was a merchant in that city for twenty years, and has long been active in educational, civic, and charitable organizations. Since 1911 he has been president of the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music in Milwaukee; for thirty-two years, a member of A Capella Chorus, serving nine years as president; and from 1916 to 1930 president of the Lutheran Home for the Aged at Wauwatosa. For three consecutive terms (1912-1919) he was treasurer of Milwaukee County. He was a La Follette delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1920 and 1932 and treasurer of the Milwaukee County Republican Committee for 1920-1924. As a Republican he held the office of secretary of state from 1927 to 1935. In the fall of 1934 he was reelected to the office as a Progressive and was again reelected in 1936.

Residence: Route 9, Station F, Milwaukee.

### THE STATE TREASURER

SOLOMON LEVITAN (Prog.) was born in Taurowgggen near Tilsed, Prussia on November 1, 1862 and emigrated to this country in the fall of 1880. He became an itinerant merchant and came to Wisconsin in 1882 where he continued selling goods from door to door. It was at Primrose that he met Senator La Follette, Sr. when he was a candidate

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for district attorney of Dane County. He supported him from that time on and campaigned for him when he was a candidate for president in 1924. In 1905 Mr. Levitan moved to Madison to educate his children. He established one of the largest department stores in Madison. He had previously operated general stores in New Glarus and Blanchardville. Mr. Levitan has been an active Progressive for fifty years. His first public office was justice of the peace at New Glarus. He ran for state treasurer in 1918 and 1920 and was elected in 1922 largely through the efforts of the La Follette family. In 1926 and 1928 he led the entire Republican state ticket in number of votes received and in 1926 he had the largest plurality of any of the state officers. Mr. Levitan served as state treasurer for ten years from 1923 to 1933 and was re-elected in 1936 by a very large majority.

Residence: 10 East Gorham Street, Madison.

#### THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

ORLAND S. LOOMIS (Prog.) was born at Mauston on November 2, 1893. He attended Ripon College and the University of Wisconsin and was graduated from the Law School of the University in 1917. He has been a practicing attorney at Mauston since that time, and held the office of city attorney from 1922 to 1931. He has also served as special prosecuting district attorney for Juneau County. During 1918 and 1919 he was in the World War as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, and while there taught law in the army schools. Mr. Loomis served in the assembly during the session of 1929 and in the senate during the sessions of 1931 and 1933. He was elected president pro tempore of the senate during the latter session. In 1932-33 he was chairman of the Veterans Memorial Commission; senate representative on the Governor's Executive Council; senate representative on the American Legislators' Council; and during 1935 and 1936 he served as state director for the Rural Electrification Administration in Wisconsin by appointment of the Governor. He was the Wisconsin representative to the World Power Conference in 1936. Mr. Loomis is serving his first term as attorney general.

Residence: 833 Miami Pass, Madison.

#### THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

JOHN CALLAHAN was elected to his present office in 1921. He was born at Goldens Bridge, Westchester County, New York, December 16, 1865, and came with his family to Prescott, Pierce County, Wisconsin in 1869. Here he spent his boyhood and received his education which, supplemented by private study, made him the recipient of an unlimited state certificate in 1894. He taught rural school and served as school principal for several years, after which he was elected city superintendent of schools at Menasha which position he held for seventeen years. From 1918 until the time he assumed his present office he was the state director of vocational education. He is a life member of the National Education Association and of the American Vocational Association. During his long career as a teacher in the public schools of the state he has served in numerous educational capacities, among them conductor of teachers' institutes and summer schools, president of the Northwest Teachers Association in 1900, president of the Northeast Teachers Association in 1908, president of the State Teachers Association in 1913, president of the National Council of State Superintendents and Commissioners of Education in 1930 and 1931, and for many years a member of the teachers' legislative committee. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Mr. Callahan by Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin on June 11, 1934.

Residence: 615 East Gorham Street, Madison.