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#### LaFollette

The personnel of the United States senate will be distinctly and noticeably raised by the addition of Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin. He is one of the few state politicians who rises above party. He is a man first, a patriot second and last of all a republican. He is of the same mold as Folk, of Missouri.—Charlette (N. C.) News.

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### Additional Washington News.

The president has arranged for transfers in the diplomatic posts in European countries, and they will be put into force March 4, or shortly thereafter. Ambassador McCormick, now at St. Petersburg, will be transferred to Paris to succeed Ambassador Porter. George V. L. Meyer, ambassador to Italy, will replace Mr. McCormick at St. Petersburg. Henry White, secretary of embassy at London, will be made ambassador to Rome. Henry L. Wilson, at present minister at Chile, will be made minister to Belgium, succeeding Lawrence Townsend of Pennsylvania, who retires from the diplomatic service.

The two senators and the two members of the South Dakota delegation are working hard to secure the passage of a bill to an end the homestead laws of their state. The bill has passed the house and, although the senate committee disagreed to its favorable report a few days ago, it is believed that the committee will reconsider and report the bill soon, so that it can be passed in the senate this month. The bill provides that after sixty days from the passage of the law settlers in what is known as the Sioux reservation, South Dakota, be allowed to enter upon 640 acres instead of 160 acres, as the law now permits.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Washington, eb. 10, says: "After maintaining its record for the rapid disposition of private pension bills, 433 being passed in an hour and a half, the house today considered for a short while the bill providing a government for the Panama canal zone. An early adjournment was taken to enable the republicans to confer on the statehood bill. The house passed a bill to provide for a land district in Wasatch and Uintah counties, Utah. The bill providing for the government of the Panama canal zone, which, among other things, abolishes the Panama canal commission, was then considered. In explaining the measure, Mr. Mann (Ill.) said that it was not intended as a reflection on the present commission or its methods, but that it was necessary to separate the engineering problems from the administrative problems in constructing the canal. The bill, he said, left to the president authority to continue any of the present commissioners as consulting engineers. Mr. Adamson (Ga.) called attention to what he termed the innovation of Chairman Hepburn in appointing a democratic chairman of the sub-committee-Mr. Shackleford-a thing unprecedented in republican politics. He did not think the house now should forestall any action by that sub-committee. "We will indorse the selection of the chairman of the sub-committee, said Mr. Mann, which caused Mr. Williams, minority leader, to comment that "this universal republican approval is getting too suspicious." The measure was still under consideration when the house adjourned until tomorrow."

The house committee on ways and means has authorized a favorable report on the Philippine tariff bill. It is a complete revision of the duties collected by the Philippine government on imports from all countries. An unsuccessful ort was made by Mr. Williams of Mississippi to provide absolute free trade : 1. articles which the Philippines have peretofore purchased from the United States and also to reduce the duty on rice.

The investigation of the affairs of the Panama Railroad company will be assigned to a sub-committee of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce.



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