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WASHINGTON NEWS

An Havana dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: President Jose Miguel Gomez signed the amnesty bill in spite of the energetic protests handed the Cuban government by United States Minister Beaupre. President Gomez, in a statement issued after he had placed his signature to the amnesty bill, said that he "felt compelled to comply with the wishes of the Cuban people as expressed by the large majority in the Cuban congress favoring the bill." He added that he desired to leave further discussion of the matter to diplomatic channels. In the meantime instructions will be issued to proceed immediately with the release of all prisoners included within the terms of the bill.

To this the Washington correspondent for the Associated Press says: Protest to American Minister Beaupre, made to President Gomez, was directed by the present administration and is taken as an indication that whatever the policy of President Wilson will be in regard to the other Latin-American republics, there is not likely to be any relinquishment of the responsibilities for the administration of law and order in Cuba under the terms of the special treaty between the two countries.

Congress will meet in special session April 1st. It will largely be devoted to the tariff question.

Daniel C. Roper, of S. C., has been appointed first assistant postmaster general.

C. P. Neil, commissioner of labor statistics, has been re-appointed by President Wilson.

An Associated Press dispatch says: A federal income tax, probably of 1 per cent, and a free sugar tariff schedule practically were agreed upon by the democrats who are to compose the majority of the house ways and means committee in the sixty-third congress. Tariff revision was taken up, where it was dropped at the close of the last session and the democrats will meet every day from now on to perfect their bill before the extra session begins April 1. Representative Garner of Texas, Stanley of Kentucky and Collier of Mississippi, chosen as the three new members met with the committee for the first time.

The minimum income to which the proposed tax would apply was not agreed upon, but \$5,000 is said generally to have been favored.

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: After spending the greater part of a day in caucus the democratic senators succeeded in agreeing upon candidates to fill only three of the elective offices of that body. These were: Senator James P. Clark of Arkansas, to succeed Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, republican, as president pro tem of the senate; Rev. E. J. Prettyman, of the District of Columbia to succeed Rev. U. G. B. Pierce, as chaplain; and Charles P. Higgins, a real estate dealer of St. Louis to succeed E. Livingston Cornelius as sergeant-at-arms.

Senator Clark was elected by a vote of 27 to 14 over Senator August O. Bacon of Georgia, who alternated with Senator Gallinger in the office of president pro tem throughout the last session, and whose election had been considered practically a cer-

tainty since the democrats gained control.

The result of the election caused considerable stir, the friends of Senator Bacon feeling that he had not been fairly treated.

At the afternoon session, Senator Smith tendered his resignation as a member of the steering committee to which he had been appointed recently. Senator Smith, who had been especially zealous in his support of Senator Bacon, said he felt that his colleague had been made to suffer on his account. He was induced to withdraw the resignation later, but not until there had been a general discussion of the affair.

Senator Bacon himself said he had been unprepared for the defeat because he had not known there was any other aspirant for the office. He added that if he had been informed that any other person desired the honor he would have withdrawn from the race.

Promptly on March 4th Henry Lane Wilson, American ambassador to Mexico, sent his resignation to President Wilson.

Senator Cullom of Illinois retired from the senate but he was appointed by President Taft as resident commissioner for the construction of the two million dollar Lincoln memorial at the national capital. He will receive a salary of \$5,000 a year.

The salary of Joseph E. Tumulty, secretary to the president, has been increased from \$6,000 to \$7,500 per year.

Secretary Tumulty created a sensation by beginning work at 8 o'clock. Washington habit has been between nine and ten o'clock.

At the democratic caucus in the house of representatives Champ Clark was renominated as speaker, and Oscar W. Underwood was again chosen chairman of the ways and means committee.

The following were nominated for ratification by the house when it meets in extra session on April 1:

Speaker—Champ Clark of Missouri.

Ways and means committee—Representatives Underwood of Alabama, chairman; Francis B. Harrison, New York; Dorsey W. Shackelford, Missouri; Claude Kitchin, North Carolina; Henry T. Rainey, Illinois; Lincoln Dixon, Indiana; Cordell Hull, Tennessee; W. S. Hammond, Minnesota; Andrew J. Peters, Massachusetts; A. Mitchell Palmer, Pennsylvania; Timothy T. Ansberry, Ohio; John S. Garner, Texas (new); James W. Collier, Mississippi (new); Augustus Stanley, Kentucky (new.)

Republican members to be chosen in April.

Clerk of the house—South Trimble, Kentucky.

Doorkeeper—J. J. Sinnott, Virginia.

Sergeant-at-arms—Robert B. Gordon, Ohio.

Postmaster—William M. Dunbar, Georgia.

Chaplain—Rev. Henry N. Couden, Washington, D. C.

Referring to the democratic caucus of senators, an Associated Press report says: When the democrats of the new senate met in caucus to elect a chairman there was no opposition to Senator John W. Kern as the new leader. Senator Martin of Virginia, retiring democratic leader, declared