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"Why is there no great American dramatist?" asked the art pessimist. "Because," replied the sardonic manager, "when an American is capable of thinking up a first-class practical plot and dressing it up in good speeches he doesn't bother about the theater. He goes into politics."—Washington Star.

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WASHINGTON NEWS

The senate democratic caucus organized and prepared to make the senate what Senator Kern calls "democratic not only in name but in practical result."

Senator Clarke of Arkansas was selected as president pro tempore and other officers were chosen as follows:

Secretary, James M. Baker, South Carolina.

Sergeant-at-arms, Charles P. Higgins, Missouri.

Chaplain, Forest J. Prettiman, Washington, D. C.

Assistant doorkeeper, Thomas W. Keller, West Virginia.

Acting assistant doorkeeper, Carl A. Loeffler, Pennsylvania.

The personnel of the finance committee, which is to handle all tariff bills, is as follows:

Democrats: Chairman, Senator Simmons, North Carolina; Senators Stone of Missouri, Williams of Mississippi; Johnson, Maine; Shively, Indiana; Gore, Oklahoma; Thomas, Colorado; James, Kentucky; Hughes, New Jersey.

Republicans: Senators Penrose, Pennsylvania; Lodge, Massachusetts; McCumber, North Dakota; Smoot, Utah; Gallinger, New Hampshire;

Clark, Wyoming; La Follette, Wisconsin.

The complete personnel of the leading committees, including democrats and republicans has been agreed upon as follows:

Appropriations—Democrats, Senators Martin (Virginia), chairman; Tillman, (S. Carolina); Culberson, (Texas); Overman, (North Carolina); Owen, (Oklahoma); Smith, (Maryland); Chilton, (West Virginia); Lea, (Tennessee); Bryan, (Florida); Shafroth, (Colorado.) Republican, Senators Warren, (Wyoming); Perkins, (California); Gallinger, (New Hampshire); Snoot, (Utah); Oliver, (Pennsylvania); Dillingham, (Vermont); Jones, (Washington.)

Foreign Relations—Democrats, Senators Bacon, (Georgia), chairman; Stone, (Missouri); Shively, (Indiana); Clarke, (Arkansas); Hitchcock, (Nebraska); O'Gorman, (New York); Williams, (Mississippi); Swanson, (Virginia); Pomerene, (Ohio); Smith, (New Mexico.) Republicans, Senators Lodge, (Massachusetts); Smith, (Michigan); Root, (New York); McCumber, (North Dakota); Sutherland, (Utah); Borah, (Idaho); Burton, (Ohio.)

Judiciary—Democrats, Senators Culberson, (Texas), chairman; Overman, (North Carolina); Chilton, (West Virginia); O'Gorman, (New York); Fletcher, (Florida); Reed, (Missouri); Ashurst, (Arizona); Shields, (Tennessee); Walsh, (Montana); Bacon, (Georgia.) Republicans, Clark, (Wyoming); Nelson, (Minnesota); Dillingham, (Vermont); Sutherland, (Utah); Brandegee, (Connecticut); Cummins, (Iowa); Root, (New York.)

Banking and Currency (new)—Democrats, Senators Owen, (Oklahoma), chairman; Hitchcock, (Nebraska); O'Gorman, (New York); Reed, (Missouri); Shafroth, (Colorado); Hollis, (New Hampshire); Pomerene, (Ohio.) Republicans, Nelson, (Minnesota); Bristow, (Kansas); Burton, (Ohio); Jones, (Washington); Weeks, (Massachusetts.)

Senator Clarke, or Arkansas, has been slated for chairman of the committee on commerce, which handles river and harbor improvement legislation; Senator Hoke Smith has been added to the finance committee and named as chairman of the committee on education and labor; Senator Chamberlain has been selected for the chairmanship of the public lands committee, and Senator Luke Lea is slated for chairman of the committee on library.

After being defeated Senator Tillman announced that he cheerfully bowed to the will of the majority.

"Hollow Horn Bear," last of the great chiefs of the Sioux tribe, died while visiting in Washington. The body was taken to Crookston, S. D.

Former Governor John Burke of North Dakota, has been appointed United States treasurer.

Mr. Bryan left Washington for the west Monday. He attended the Irish Fellowship banquet at Chicago; Tuesday he addressed the Illinois legislature. Wednesday night he participated in the Bryan birthday dinner at Lincoln.

An Associated Press dispatch from St. Louis says: Students and faculty of Washington university greeted their chancellor, David F. Houston,

the secretary of agriculture, when he arrived home from the national capital. A large reception committee met him at the union station and escorted him to the university campus. Plans had been made to set off seventeen bombs as the procession approached the campus. Just before the Houston party arrived, however, a funeral procession passed and mistaking the cortege for the student parade, those in charge of the fireworks set off sixteen of the bombs. A loving cup was presented to Secretary Houston by the students.

Richard Olney has declined the position of ambassador to Great Britain.

President Wilson sent to the senate the following nominations:

To be first assistant postmaster general, D. C. Roper of South Carolina.

To be third assistant postmaster general, Alexander M. Dockery of Gallatin, Mo., formerly governor of Missouri.

To be fourth assistant postmaster general, James I. Blakeslee of Pennsylvania.

To be United States judge for the district of Porto Rico, Peter J. Hamilton of Alabama.

To be commissioner of labor, Charles P. Neill (reappointment).

A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald says: Secretary of State Bryan may become Sunday school teacher after the heaviest of the preliminary work in his official capacity is cleared away. Dr. MacLeod of the First Presbyterian church, a close personal friend of the secretary, is especially anxious to have the Nebraskan lead one of the young men's classes in the church. Mr. Bryan, always accommodating, and not altogether inexperienced in Sunday school teaching, is considering the request of Mr. MacLeod. The secretary has taught Sunday school classes a number of times.

The department of agriculture report for March 1 shows 156,483,000 bushels of wheat still on farms and 1,289,655,000 of corn still unmarketed.

An Associated Press dispatch says: Opposition to the confirmation of Dr. Neill, reappointed by President Wilson as commissioner of labor statistics, and developed among southern democratic senators and threatened to be the first serious obstacle encountered by the new president in his dealings with the senate. Senators Tillman of South Carolina and Overman of North Carolina opposed Neill's reappointment because of a report he had made in 1911 upon conditions of labor and the character of women and child laborers in the southern cotton manufacturing states.

An Associated Press dispatch says: No wine will be served during the next four years at the tables of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president, Mrs. Thomas Marshall, wife of the vice president, or Mrs. W. J. Bryan, wife of the secretary of state, and it has been announced that the wives of other cabinet members will follow their lead.

The Washington (D. C.) Post says: While President Wilson already has dispensed with some of the formalities which hitherto have been observed by occupants of the White House, he demonstrated recently that he would observe rigidly the international amenities of his office. Probably the most formal ceremony in which Mr. Wilson has ever participated was his presentation to the diplomatic corps accredited to Wash-

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