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secret. On April 2, 1910, however, when indictments were obtained, raids were made simultaneously.

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G. R. Colton, governor of Porto Rico, sailed for home. He will go to Washington to consult with President Taft and the war department with reference to the affairs of the island.

The democratic house may pass "a before election" publicity bill.

The democratic members of the house met in caucus on the evening of April 1st. The following are extracts from the Associated Press report:

The first act of the caucus was to issue directions looking to the abolishment of about one-fourth of the patronage jobs of the house, saving thereby \$120,680, discontinues six committees at a saving

of \$12,000 and abandonment of the republican practice of allowing useless employes among the committees, saving \$50,000. This is a total saving of \$182,680 of last year's total expenditures for house expenditures of \$68,000. Following this the caucus adopted resolutions looking to the simplification of the house rules so that much confusion and conflict caused by the use of the great multitude of precedents might be done away with.

Chairman Underwood of the committee on ways and means presented a resolution to have the caucus decide on the extent of legislation and its scope to be permitted at the extra session.

A committee on organization was authorized with powers to parcel the appointive positions. Under the house organization chairmen of committees will name committee employes, such as clerks, messengers and janitors, but who get no other patronage. Other jobs will be distributed among members equally, thereby giving to each member not a committee chairman, about \$2,000 worth of patronage. Necessarily this patronage will go to the various states in proportion to their democratic representation.

The six committees abolished are Pacific railroads, levees of the Mississippi river, militia, private land claims, manufacturers and ventilation and acoustics.

The predictions of Champ Clark, Chairman Underwood and other leaders that the caucus would be harmonious were borne out. Not a discordant note was sounded at the meeting. Not a roll call was required on a single proposition advanced by the men who had been charged with preparing plans for organization and legislation. Many

speeches were made. There was continued debate in which new members participated with freedom, but no clashes occurred and no bitterness was manifested.

Representative Burleson, of Texas, succeeded Judge Clayton, of Alabama, as permanent chairman of the caucus, the honor going to him because of his gracefully accepted defeat for chairman of the committee on appropriations.

The chairman of a sub-committee on position pruning, presented the economy report, abolishing employes, useless jobs and committees. The committee on accounts was directed to introduce legislation to carry into effect the reduction in jobs and the committee on rules will look after the lopping off of the six committees. Champ Clark, as speaker, is authorized to fill the regular positions under the speaker and to name also the journal clerk, now under the house, and the messenger at the speaker's desk, now under the door keeper.

Patronage is taken away from the sergeant-at-arms, doorkeeper, postmaster and clerk of the house, who are prevented from appointing any of their subordinates except on the recommendation of committee on organization. These recommendations as previously stated are to be based on an equal division of patronage among the members.

Under the speaker three offices are abolished, but two offices already existing are transferred to him to fill. Under the clerk of the house, twenty-six positions are abolished at a net saving of \$39,970.

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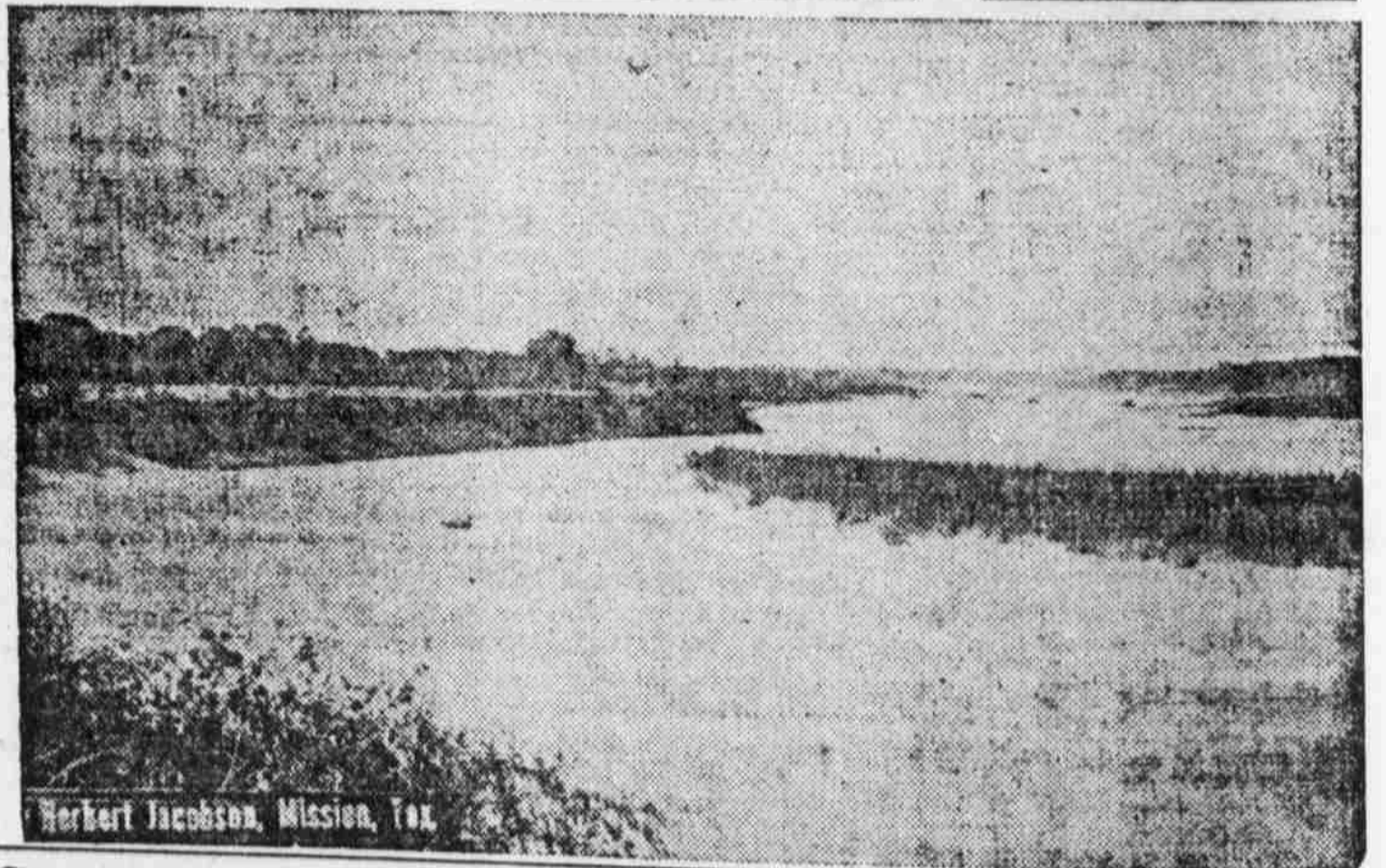
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