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## Washington News

The senate adopted the list of appointment to committees drawn up by the majority of both parties. The progressives did not make a fight, although Senator La Follette read a formal protest against the selections made by the standpat republicans.

The house of representatives passed a bill providing for an increase of the number of house members from 391 to 433.

A Manila cablegram, carried by the Associated Press, says: "Delayed advised received here via Jolo, report that the Dutch have taken possession of Palmas island, sixty miles southeast of Mindinao, lowering the American colors, and substituted thereafter the flag of Holland. It is understood here that Washington does not intend to protest against the action of the Dutch, the American government regarded the island as valueless."

The following is the list of appointments to senate committees, adopted by the democratic caucus: Finance—Bailey, Simmons, Stone, Williams, Kern, Johnson (Me.)

Appropriations—Tillman, Foster, Culberson, Martin, Overman, Owen, Smith (Md.)

Judiciary—Bacon, Culberson, Overman, Rayner, Paynter, Chilton, O'Gorman.

Interstate commerce—Tillman, Foster, Newlands, Clarke (Ark.), Gore, Watson, Pomerene.

Foreign relations—Brown, Stone, Shively, Clarke (Ark.), Rayner, Hitchcock.

Postoffices and postroads—Bankhead, Taylor, Terrell, Smith (S. C.), Swanson, Bryan, Martin.

District of Columbia—Martin, Paynter, Johnston (Ala.), Smith (Md.), Pomerene, Lea.

Claims—Martin, Overman, Davis, Paynter, Bryan, Martin.

Agriculture and forestry—Bankhead, Gore, Chamberlain, Smith (S. C.), Percy, Terrell, Lea.

Commerce—Martin, Simmons, Newlands, Bankhead, Fletcher, Percy, Reed.

Education and labor—Rayner, Bankhead, Shively, Swanson, Martin.

Immigration—Davis, Gore, Smith (S. C.), Percy, Kern, O'Gorman.

Irrigation—Bailey, Newlands, Gore, Smith (Md.), Chamberlain, Myers.

Manufactures—Smith (S. C.), Terrell, Reed, Pomerene, O'Gorman.

Military affairs—Foster, Johnson (Ala.), Clarke (Ark.), Taylor, Chamberlain, Hitchcock, Williams.

Naval affairs—Tillman, Smith (Md.), Thornton, Swanson, Bryan, Johnson (Me.)

Pensions—Taylor, Gore, Shively, Bryan, Johnson (Me.), Pomerene.

Privileges and elections—Bailey, Paynter, Johnston (Ala.), Fletcher, Kern, Lea.

Public buildings and grounds—Culberson, Taylor, Swanson, Owen, Watson, Martin, Reed.

Rules—Bacon, Bailey, Overman.

Canadian relations—Tillman, Foster, Gore, Smith (Md.)

Census—Bailey, Shively, Thornton, Chilton, Pomerene.

Conservation of national resources—Newlands, Overman, Bankhead, Smith, Watson, Lea.

Fisheries—Bailey, Overman, Fletcher, Thornton.

Indian affairs—Stone, Davis, Owen, Chamberlain, Watson, Myers.

Interoceanic canals—Simmons, Johnston (Ala.), Percy, Thornton, Chilton, O'Gorman.

Mines and mining—Tillman, Johnston (Ala.), Watson, Myers.

Philippines—Johnston (Ala.), Paynter, Chamberlain, Fletcher, Hitchcock, Reed.

Public lands—Newlands, Davis, Chamberlain, Thornton, Bryan Myers.

Territories—Owen, Chamberlain, Shively, Johnston (Me.) Hitchcock.

**The Minor Chairmanships**  
The following democrats were given chairmanships of minor committees:

Bailey—Additional accommodations, library of congress.

Newlands—Corporations organized in the District of Columbia.

Clark (Ark.)—Disposition of useless papers in the executive department.

Simmons—Engrossed bills.

Paynter—To examine the several branches of the civil service.

Tillman—Five civilized tribes of Indians.

Taylor—Geological survey.

Rayner—Indian depredations.

Smith (Md.)—To investigate trespassers upon Indian lands.

Davis—Mississippi and tributaries.

Owen—Pacific railroads.

Bacon—Private land claims.

Culberson—Public health and national quarantine.

Gore—Railroads.

Bankhead—Standards, weights and measures.

Smith (S. C.)—Transportation routes to the seaboard.

Foster—Transportation and sale of meat produce.

Johnston (Ala.)—University of the United States.

Overman—Woman suffrage.

Coast defenses—Simmons, Foster, Smith (Md.), Terrell, Martin.

Cuban relations—Simmons, Stone, Watson, Overman.

Industrial expositions—Rayner, Overman, Taylor, Paynter, Swanson, Newlands.

Pacific islands and Porto Rico—Clark (Ark.) Owen, Fletcher, Watson, Kern.

Patents—Shively, Smith (S. C.), Gore.

Printing—Smith (Md.), Fletcher, Chilton.

To audit and control the contingent expense of the senate—Clark (Ark.), Williams.

Civil service and retrenchment—Clark (Ark.), Rayner, Owen, Johnston (Ala.), Myers.

Coast and insular survey—Culberson, Davis, Bankhead, Terrell.

Enrolled bills—Foster.

Expenditures in the departments—Agriculture, Simmons, Gore; interior, Davis, Chamberlain; justice,

Bailey, Rayner; navy, Martin, Tillman; postoffice, Bacon, Chilton; state, Stone, Percy; treasury, Smith (Md.), Lea; war, Foster, Johnson (Me.)

Forest reservations and the protection of game—Tillman, Overman, Taylor, Hitchcock.

Revision of the laws of the laws of the United States (joint)—Clark (Ark.), Percy.

Library—Newlands, Shively, Swanson.

An Associated Press correspondent says: "Victor Berger, of Milwaukee, the socialist member of congress, in a resolution introduced, not only proposed to abolish the senate, but to strike from the hand of the president the veto power and take from the courts authority to invalidate legislation of the house of representatives."

"This is proposed as an amendment to the constitution, which, if petitioned for by 5 per cent of the voters in each state, shall be submitted to a general referendum."

"The senate has run its course," said Mr. Berger, after his threatening document had been dropped into the hopper on the speaker's desk. It must some day, as will the British house of lords, yield to the popular demand for its reformation or abolition."

The annual meeting of the Catholic archbishops of the United States was held at Washington.

A Washington correspondent for the Associated Press says: "The presidential boom for Governor Judson Harmon, of Ohio, was formally organized when Senator Pomerene announced the personnel of the committee on ways and means and resolutions, which will press Mr. Harmon's candidacy for the democratic nomination in 1912. The former committee is headed by Representative James M. Cox, while Representative Matthew B. Denver is chairman of the resolutions committee. The other members of the Ohio delegation include the personnel of the two committees."

The house passed a bill to pay the mileage of representatives and senators, the total appropriation amounting to \$201,000.

Postmaster General Hitchcock announced that the postal deficit of \$12,000,000 had been practically wiped out by the extension of the service along profitable lines.

The democratic free list bill was introduced in the house and Mann, the republican leader made a bitter

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