

a few days ago he was glad to lay down the responsibility of his office. The retirement of Senator Martin and the candidacy of Senator Kern ends a long struggle for the control of the senate of the sixty-third congress between the so-called progressive democrats and the old conservatives. It was generally understood there will be no movement to disturb the old leaders in their committee assignments.

Immediately after the caucus assembled Mr. Kern was unanimously chosen by acclamation. W. H. Thompson, the new democratic senator from Kansas, was the only member absent. He had not been able to get to Washington in time to take his oath of office. The caucus then took up the business of committee assignments.

Senator Kenyon of Iowa was chosen secretary of the republican caucus. Senator La Follette was present at the republican gathering, but Senators Bristow, Poindexter and Clapp did not appear. The two latter have been classed as members of the progressive party, but the republicans stated they expected Senator Clapp would participate in the committee assignments.

Concerning the new secretary of state, an Associated Press report says: Alvey Adee, second assistant secretary of state, who has been in the state department since 1877, will retain his position under Secretary Bryan. Mr. Adee is affectionately referred to in Washington as the "wheel horse" of the department, and it is expected few important diplomatic notes of recent years have escaped his reading. Secretary Bryan decided not to accept his resignation.

Anton W. Wivell, a New York lawyer, a Cornell man, and an intimate personal friend of Secretary Bryan, was appointed private secretary to the secretary of state in place of William L. Coombs, Mr. Knox's secretary, who resigned.

Benjamin G. Davis of Maryland, clerk to Mr. Bryan when he was a representative in congress, is to be confidential clerk to Mr. Bryan.

Secretary Bryan sent notices to each of the embassies and legations in Washington, as well as to the American diplomatic and consular offices abroad announcing his accession to the office of secretary of state. The formal presentation of the diplomats will take place soon. All of the ambassadors, ministers and charges in Washington will be introduced to Secretary Bryan by Asmassador Jusserand, the dean of the corps.

Indications that no immediate or sweeping changes in the foreign policy of the United States are in contemplation were offered when Secretary Bryan without much qualification approved the letters and instructions by wire that went out to the American representatives abroad in countries where stirring events are happening. It is true that in general this was routine business, but yet it was inferred by the officials of lesser rank than the secretary that President Wilson intends to make a careful study of all the data to be presented to him by Secretary Bryan before making any radical changes in existing policies.

It became known that without abating this government's claim to the right to maintain an efficient army patrol along the Mexican border the new administration intends to use every proper means to avoid friction with the Mexicans across the line.

Referring to patronage, President Wilson has issued the following statement: "The president regrets that he is obliged to announce that he deems it his duty to decline to see applicants for office in person,

except when he himself invites the interview. It is his purpose and desire to devote his attention very earnestly and very constantly to the business of the government and the large questions of policy affecting the whole nation, and he knows from his experience as governor of New Jersey, where it fell to him to make innumerable appointments, that the greater part both of his time and of his energy will be spent in personal interviews with candidates unless he sets an invariable rule in the matter. It is his intention to deal with appointments through the heads of the several executive departments."

Edgar E. Clark of Iowa has been made chairman of the interstate commerce commission.

Speaker Clark celebrated his sixty-third birthday March 6th. Friends in Washington presented him with a handsome oil picture of himself. He received telegrams from all sections of the country.

A United Press dispatch says: Vice President Marshall set the pace for democratic simplicity upon his arrival at the capitol. He sat down in the vice president's room behind a basket of roses higher than his head and began to look over his mail but the crowds of sightseers spied him through the open door of his room. In a few minutes a full-fledged reception was in progress. The vice president shook hands with all and senators who sought to speak with the new presiding officer had to fall in line with the visitors.

President Wilson appointed John H. Marble of California, who is now secretary of the interstate commerce commission to be a member of the commission succeeding Franklin K. Lane. He also re-appointed Edgar E. Clark of Iowa, whose re-nomination by President Taft had been held up in the senate.

President Wilson made formal announcement that he offered an ambassadorship to Chairman William F. McCombs of the democratic national committee.

"Mr. McCombs told me he did not wish a cabinet appointment. I have offered him one of the principal diplomatic posts and hope he will accept. I desire men of cabinet size for the chief foreign appointments," said the president.

NO RELIGIOUS ISSUE IN HOME RULE

Dublin, Ireland, cablegram to Miami (Fla.) Herald: An enthusiastic meeting has been held in Dublin of Protestants from all parts of the country, who wished to protest against the idea "that Irish Protestants would suffer a curtailment of their civil and religious freedom" under home rule.

Dr. Douglas Hyde pointed to the fact that in every town in the south and west Protestant shopkeepers had thriven, and the high sheriff of Cork city also bore witness to the existence of tolerance in the past as a reason for believing it would continue in the future.

A resolution "strongly disapproving of the efforts which have been made to identify the Irish Protestant churches with a particular party and its transitory issues" was supported by the Rev. William Crawford, who said he was one of those who believed that Protestantism is to have a place in the future of the country. The resolution was a protest against a wrong done to religion and Ireland, and against the action of the churches in setting themselves against the noble aspirations of the people.

W. B. Yeats was very cordially received by the large assembly. He

intimated that he knew his countrymen thoroughly, and if there was intolerance in Ireland, he knew it. If there was tolerance, he knew it. On that subject he thought they should speak with entire sincerity, and without any thought of political expediency. He believed that no country could prosper unless the majority of its best men were occupied in making the land fruitful materially or intellectually, though every vigorous country would send intellectual men to work in other countries. In no country are the best minds intolerant, it is the mediocre minds that are intolerant, and the only intolerance that he feared was the intolerance against ideas, against books, against European culture which existed among Catholics and Protestants. He saw nothing that would put down that intolerance but an arena in which the best might come out, and the best might rule. Bring the various elements together in a legislature, set them to do business and then the common interest would come. Ten years of common business and common interests would destroy what had mostly been sterile party contest.

BRYAN AT BALTIMORE

Although Woodrow Wilson is elected president of these United States, and competent and deserving, too, the real hero of democracy in this country today, and ever since the adjournment of the national convention, William Jennings Bryan is and has been it. Mr. Bryan did the thing in that convention that we have wondered he had not done long before, but, knowing his grounds and the conditions better than we have known them, we are accepting his service as having been rendered as early as possible, and the people of this country are grateful to him for ridding the party, at least temporarily, of the thieves which have infested it for years and years. And even after that memorable contest when Bill Bryan's index finger pointed to the easy chairs and calling the names of those occupants who sat in that convention who represented special privilege, he followed 'em all over the country with that same finger in action and repeated the names, and which brought about, or materially helped to bring about, the pleasing result of last month's election. Not because of his service to the party in this campaign, but because of his eternal and peculiar fitness to guide the portfolio of state, he should be placed at the helm, and be permitted to help, as only Bill Bryan can help, save the country, and his party as well, from the trusts and special privilege combines that have been eating the very heart out of the independence of the people for years, and who are so safely, they think, seated permanently in their devilish work. The future work of the democracy is exactly like the work done at Baltimore by Bryan, and only men like him, or as nearly like him as we have, together with his assistance, can Woodrow Wilson, or any other man, accomplish what his pre-election declarations indicated he desired to do. Starvation may overtake us in this attempt, but let us have the result, no matter the consequences, for a time, that we may have peace, and the reasonable rights of the citizenship restored. We hope to see Mr. Bryan occupy a leading role in the coming administration, making, as it surely would be, a personal sacrifice by him, but the people deserve it from him, and he must do the work, and we trust sincerely he has already "been called" by Woodrow Wilson to preach, and put in practice, too, the doctrine of democracy in the next administration.—Texas Railway Journal.

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