

Washington, Dec. 15.—When the House reconvenes at noon to-morrow (Thursday) Speaker Cannon will announce his assignments of members to committees, with the exception of those on appropriations, banking and currency, military and rules, which already have been named.

The Speaker has been working overtime for a week to complete the organization of a new House of Representatives. Speaker Cannon did not complete his committee assignments until 12 o'clock to-night.

Mr. John Sharp Williams, who by virtue of his minority leadership had the naming of Democrats to the various committees, worked behind closed doors all of yesterday and today, and sent his completed list to the Speaker.

Non-return of members of the Fifty-ninth Congress to the Sixtieth Congress created 138 vacancies in committees. Of the 138 vacancies thus created, 12 are chairmanships. Additional chairmanships provided for by enlargements of committee memberships bring up to a total of nearly 250, the assignments to be announced by the Speaker to-morrow.

Following precedent, no chairman in the Fifty-ninth Congress who is a member of the Sixtieth Congress will be superseded, unless through the occurrence of a vacancy, after which he has become the ranking member of another and more important committee, in which case he is expected to step up. No member can be chairman of more than one committee.

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As between these divergent views, Judge Ball refused to decide off hand after a hurried conference. The attorneys agreed that the stockholders should convene and immediately adjourn until to-morrow noon and that further argument in the court should be postponed until to-morrow morning.

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DEWEY'S 70TH BIRTHDAY. Admiral George Dewey Gives Dinner in Celebration of 70th Anniversary of His Birth—Actual Anniversary Does Not Occur Until the 26th. Washington, Dec. 15.—Admiral George Dewey gave a dinner to-night at his home on K street in celebration of the 70th anniversary of his birth. The actual anniversary does not occur until the 26th instant, but the celebration was advanced in order that the President might be present. The dinner was informal in character, there being no set speeches, but many of the admiral's guests took advantage of the opportunity in graceful fashion to congratulate him. Those present in addition to the admiral and Mrs. Dewey were: President and Mrs. Roosevelt; Madame Bonaparte; Mrs. John R. McLean; Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt; Mrs. Payard; Mrs. Nicholas Fish; General Horace Porter; Senator Brandegee; Admiral and Mrs. Brownson; General and Mrs. Fred D. Grant; General G. H. Campbell; Mrs. and Mrs. Von Reusseler; Mr. and Mrs. William Corporation; Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Norton; Mr. Tucker; Admiral Capron; Captain Norace Hood, of the English embassy; Captain and Mrs. Stone and Lieutenant H. V. Butler.

Of Interest to Music-Lovers. Much local interest is being manifested in the coming next week of Miss May Penfield, who is to be the guest of her friend, Mrs. E. W. Thompson, in a concert at the Chateaux, music-lovers are looking forward to her visit with great pleasure for she is an artist of rare ability and worth. The Providence Journal recently had the following to say about her: "The soprano soloist, Miss May Penfield sang her part with such sweetness and pathos as to bring tears to many eyes. Miss Penfield has the rare good taste to select solos that fit her voice and her temperament, and when she sings her whole soul is in her voice."

Traffic Managers to Meet. A number of the leading traffic agents of the Southern Railway will meet in Charlotte to-day for the purpose of discussing the general matters. Among those expected are: Mr. J. B. Munson, of Washington, assistant freight traffic manager; Mr. H. L. McKellar, of Louisville, Ky., assistant freight traffic manager; Mr. D. C. Cerdani, of Columbia, S. C., division freight agent; A. K. Orr, of Asheville, commercial agent; Mr. H. S. Duval, of Atlanta, Ga., commercial agent; A. Williams, of Columbia, S. C., superintendent of the Columbia division, and others.

Prominent Planter Found Dead With Throat Cut. West Point, Ga., Dec. 15.—W. M. Stucky, a well-known planter near here, was found dead to-day with his throat cut. His body lay on a pile of cotton seed in a store house on the Ed Booker plantation, which Mr. Stucky had recently leased. An investigation is being conducted to discover whether Stucky died as a result of murder or violence of suicide.

PERSONAL. The Movements of a Number of People, Visitors and Others. Mr. James Hutchinson will return to-morrow from Trinity College, where he has been a student during the past fall. Prof. A. Currie, of Davidson, was a visitor in the city yesterday. Mr. B. E. Wilkins, of Cowpens, S. C., was registered among the guests at the Southern Manufacturers Club yesterday. Mr. H. E. Field, of High Point, was a visitor in the city yesterday. Mr. W. D. Pharr, of Mooreville, was registered among the guests at the Buford yesterday. Mr. W. C. Petty, a prominent young banker of High Point, was a visitor in the city yesterday. Mr. W. A. Deaton, of Hickory, spent yesterday in the city on business. Mr. A. W. Curry, of Greensboro, was a visitor in the city yesterday. Mr. A. Jones Yorkie, of Concord, was registered among the guests at the Seiwyn yesterday. Mr. Charles L. Van Noppen, of Greensboro, spent yesterday in the city on business. Mr. Mason Hood will arrive in the city Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents in the county. He is a student at Erskine College, due West, S. C. Prof. E. K. Graham is expected home to-morrow night from Chapel Hill to spend the holidays with relatives. Mr. Lloyd Ross will return from Chapel Hill Saturday to spend Christmas.

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