

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Heale entertained Mrs. Leslie's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James L. King, of San Bernardino and their son, Jimmie, last week-end. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thompson and children and Misses Madeline and Sara Kuhn of Long Beach.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Mineck were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hoffman of Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Thompson and children of Long Beach were visitors at the Lingentler home during the last week.

Mrs. E. W. Huddleston of Escondido is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Murphy this week.

Mrs. Leona Vorrall of Cleveland, Ohio, is the house guest of Mrs. Ben Olson. Mrs. Vorrall was one of the quake victims from Long Beach.

Notes From Washington

By Charles J. Colden
Congressman-elect, 17th District

While you have been shivering and suffering from the horrors of an earthquake at home which has rendered you helpless by its tossing and heaving and destruction and has left you no doubt with harrowed nerves and stricken you with terror with its ruthlessness, the members of Congress, particularly the members of the House, have felt the effects of a political earthquake which is shaking Washington and is being felt throughout every corner of our country. Congress, which is so jealous of its prerogatives and has pursued its dilly-dally procedures and has followed its cherished and out-worn traditions for so many years, finds itself suddenly in a topsy-turvy, helter-skelter, hurry-scurry driven pell-mell into a state of doubt by conflicting emotions by the dashing, smashing, crashing leadership of the new president.

I confess I am one of the dizzy members that feels that he has been caught in a political whirlwind, blinded by a dust and a fog he cannot fathom, his landmarks of party principles obscured and holding on to his hat waiting for the political skies to clear and hoping for the best.

The first bolt from President Roosevelt was on the banking question. For weeks it has been whispered about the corridors and lobbies of Washington that we were on the brink of a bank panic that was being stayed by all the powers that be but would probably break in the early days of the new administration. These were but rumors but as you know, the calamity broke with all its fury at his very doorstep as the new president entered the White House. It is said that big bankers who sit in the seats of the mighty in finance and politics have been aroused to wrath by the recent disclosures by the Senate investigating committee of their rustling and criminal promotions and manipulations by which a trusting and patient public has been swindled of its savings and earnings. The practices of this group have put to shame even the dubious standards of the three-shell artist and the marked-card shark. In the very face of these kings of frenzied finance, President Roosevelt flung the challenge of his inaugural message and down came the temple of finance and credit with its ruins strewn all about him. Whether this catastrophe was premeditated or a coincidence only time will develop.

It is also reported that during the last days of the Hoover administration that the Mellons, the Morgans and Mills strenuously endeavored to commit the new president to their program of procedure. But the president refused to accede to their demands and chose to wait and to inaugurate a policy of his own making and to assume full responsibility. The president had scarcely arrived in the White House until conferences were begun upon the banking situation. His message to the public and his call of Congress in extra session followed immediately. A bill to meet the panic situation was prepared and was introduced into the House the very first day of its session.

No sooner were the members sworn in and the House officers elected than a message from the president was read and his banking bill presented. The printer did not have time to print the proposal. The rules were suspended and the bill did not go to a committee. The House steamed and was in perfect order and all debate was limited to 40 minutes. Twenty minutes controlled and parceled out by Steagall, Democratic chairman of the banking and currency committee, and the other 20 minutes controlled by the obstreperous McFadden, the Republican ranking member of the same committee.

But yielding to the demand of many members the bill was read but it is very difficult to follow a technical bill and many sections were not clearly understood by those not familiar with federal banking laws. After the debate Franklin D. Roosevelt and took the bill hook, line and sinker and voted for it unapologetically without a roll call. Then we lost about a few hours until the senators rined and fussed for a while. Then the bill was passed by the Senate without the crossing of a "t" or the dotting of an "i" and was sent back to the House for Speaker Rainey's signature and we adjourned.

I'm still dizzy when I think of the speed of that bill as it whirled through the House and Senate, knocking precedents and procedure right and left, all in an afternoon and evening, and on to the president for his signature. After watching the House and Senate fiddling around for days and weeks over some inconsequential measure and then behold them leaping through with a bill of such importance in such short time proves what Will Rogers said about the Democratic party. "There's life in the old gal yet." Let me repeat: the House did not have the bill printed, did not send it to a committee for report and did not have Garcia would say "What's soiling some?" This feverish legislation illustrates the electrifying effect of new and potent leadership.

The second day of my congressional duties was not so strenuous and I did not get caught in a stampede. An election contest from Minnesota was the main event. These snow-bound citizens of the Arctic winters elected a Farmer-Laborite to the House who recently served a term in the Leavenworth penitentiary. My colleague, Albert E. Carter, of Oakland, California, is quite circumspect of his own conduct and also of the company he keeps. Since the Farmer-Laborite sits his side of the House and Mr. Carter is a Republican, he made a fight to prevent the seating of this unfortunate newly elected congressman.

Stephenson Is Asked to Talk At Luncheon

L. A. Chamber of Commerce Invites Prize Winners

R. H. Stephenson, 1811 Hillworth street, Los Angeles, was invited to attend a luncheon given by the Industrial Department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Monday, where he gave a talk on the economic advantages of small home gardens.

Mr. Stephenson was one of the prize-winners in the recent small homes contest sponsored by the Chamber, and his talk was full of interest and profitable ideas on the subject.

Other prize-winners who discussed phases of the subject were Joseph Weston, an architect, of El Monte, who spoke on the esthetic side, and Mr. Fox, a salesman, of Watts, who discussed the cultural advantages.

The discussion was presented as a part of the plan of the Chamber of Commerce to interest industrial heads to provide their workmen with the opportunity to own such homes and cultivate such gardens and small stock plants.

His success in achieving an independent living from limited ground space is an example of the possibilities of effort along this line, one that might very well be followed by many others. His place was developed for the sake of independence, and not as a prize-winning proposition, which makes the recognition he has received in the past two years in the Chamber of Commerce contests all the more gratifying.

In addition to the benefit card parties and theatre performance which will be given to raise funds for the Red Cross, a special collection will be taken up in all churches on Sunday, April 2, which will be turned over to the fund says Mrs. Caroline Collins, chairman for the local chapter.

At the first day's session Mrs. Roosevelt watched our antics from the gallery and was knitting all the time. I wondered whether she was knitting socks for F. D. or wristbands for Jimmie but I found out later it was a sweater. Eddie Cantor paid us a visit, too. Probably looking for new jokes on an old subject. Mrs. Norton, Democrat from New Jersey, over-speeched her time and the Speaker rapped and rapped while she talked and talked. Good Republicans like Mrs. B. B. Mann or Mother McGahan wouldn't do anything like that. I made my first speech before the Democratic caucus in seconding the nomination of Nelson of Missouri. It was limited to three minutes. If I had a copy I'd send it to Doc McQuerrie or Cecil King. I'm sending the Congressional Record to all the city and county libraries in the 17th district. All my newspaper friends will howl as usual about the length of this letter. Well, I dropped my newspaper pencil 25 years ago and how am I ever to get caught up unless you indulge me? Besides, I've been in Congress three days and haven't made a speech. I made the rivers and harbors committee and they handed me two others I didn't expect.

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Guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Summers at the concert presented Tuesday evening by the Orpheus Club at Philharmonic auditorium, Los Angeles, included Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Patterson and Mrs. Richardson.

Clyde Bodley of Santa Barbara visited in Torrance last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Billington were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. West.

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