Notes From Washington

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Joe Byrns, the Democratic floor leader, made the motion to adjourn sine die at 11:45 Monday night, June 18th, and Speaker Rainey cracked down on the wooden block with his heavy gavel for the last time and ended the labors of the Seventy-third Congress. The last day was not quite so stormy as the preceding Saturday, but the rain was pouring down on the roof and the ceiling of the House chamber was spattered with a roaring, shouting House that was still seething and stewing in its last struggle. The House had practically closed its labors Saturday and was waiting for final action by the conference committees. Some of the ardent members continued to crash the gate with private bills, most of which received ruthless objections from the weary and sore-tempered members. Then, there were a few sly members who tried to take advantage of the confusion and rush through some last-minute legislation. But these venturesome members received a barrage of caustic criticisms and objections that played havoc with their measures.

Two or three recesses were taken while waiting for the Senate, and because of the inability to transact any further business in the uproarious House. A self-appointed committee had prearranged a hilarious program and one of the national broadcasting companies had set up their instruments to give the country a show in this dignified chamber. One of the serious members who did not believe that such a program was in harmony with the atmosphere and the dignity of the closing hours of a great Congress, introduced a resolution prohibiting the proposed program. It was quite evident that a big majority of the members shared this opinion and the fun-makers who were expecting to entertain the House and its jammed galleries were bitterly disappointed. But the Marine Band was invited into the House and stirred up much enthusiasm among the tired members with "Dixie," "Yankee Doodle," "My Maryland," "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," "California, Here I come," "East Side, West Side," and the irrepressible Connery, of Massachusetts, sang a song glorifying his state of Massachusetts, and wound up with a French song, "Madelon."

Then, the House was called to order for the last time. Bert Snell, Republican leader, introduced a resolution commending Speaker Rainey for his splendid administration as Speaker, while Joe Byrns presided in the chair. Leader Snell made a glowing speech commending the Speaker and the Democratic floor leader. Speaker Rainey responded in kind and thanked all the members, including the minority, for their kindly co-operation. Among other things in his speech, he said that the Congress of the United States, including the House, is the most orderly parliamentary body in the world. Since Speaker Rainey has visited some of these great bodies and the majority of us have not, nobody arose to dispute him. Then Joe Byrns called Mr. Snell to the chair and delivered a speech praising the Republican minority leader for his co-operation, and the bitter and hot words that had been flying about on various occasions were obliterated by words of praise and assurances of friendship. So the Seventy-third Congress ended.

June 18th, 1934.

The Senators, 96 of them, on the warpath, and the members of the House, 435 of them, roaring and shouting and buzzing with disappointment and anger. If the peaceful and sober-minded citizens of the Seventeenth Congressional District could have looked in on Congress Saturday night when everybody was tense with the hope of adjournment, they would have thought that the greatest parliament of the world had turned into a bedlam. The galleries were jammed with people watching for the whole works to blow up in a dynamitic storm of words, words, words! The confusion was so great that I could not hear much that was being said from my seat in the third row from the Speaker's desk. The audience, unfamiliar with the closing hours of Congress, wondered how in the world business could be transacted under such circumstances. Anyone unaccustomed to such a scene would go away puzzled as to what it was all about.

On such occasion, the Speaker and the leaders are the only ones who can intelligently follow the hilarious procedure. By prearrangement, the Speaker recognizes only certain members and usually knows in advance the purpose of those rising in their seats and yelling at the top of their voices, "Mr Speaker!" Those who do not have the Speaker's permission often shout above the din but only add to the confusion and shout and storm in vain. Before him on his desk, the Speaker has a list of the committees in conference, the bills affected, and he must choose from the hundred pressing and urgent measures those that are to be chosen and those that are to be unrecognized and permitted to die in these stormy hours.

Congress was all set to adjourn Saturday night but a storm broke loose in the Senate. The procedure was wound up in a wrangle and a jam to such an extent that the Senate floor leader, Robinson of Arkansas, quit in disgust and moved a recess until Monday. It was 11:30 o'clock and many had been in their seats in the galleries from 6 o'clock on. The House had been in session since 10 o'clock in the morning and from 11 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock at night the day before. The Senate had been in session from 9 o'clock in the morning until near midnight also on Saturday. Everybody dragged out of the capitol weary, worn and dog-tired.

The usual entertainment rendered in the closing hours of the House was deferred. The Marine Band returned to headquarters without tooting a horn. The actors in the House were obliged to repack their stunts for another day and the California members who had prepared to stampede the well of the House and sing, "California, Here I Come," had to suffocate their patriotic ambition.

The next morning the Congressional Record puffed up with 302 pages, the work of the public printing office from midnight until the breakfast hour. Pity the poor printers.

The clashing of the frayed nerves of members during these last days was both exciting and amusing. One member had severely criticized another concerning an infraction of the franking privilege. The accused member in his self defense charged that his critic was guity of yapping. Now that was a new word on the House floor and the member charged with yapping became very indignant and demanded that yapping be stricken from the Record. The Speaker consulted the dictionary and decided that yapping was a good word and it was permitted to stand. After a body like the House has been in session for five and one-half months, you can expect that somebody will lose his temper and raise a furor in the final rush and the pell-mell of the closing hours of Congress.

In spite of the turmoil and the disorderly picture of the closing hours, this has been a most eventful Congress. I am giving you a list of some of the accomplishments of the Seventy-third Congress which opened its first session on March 9, 1933:

1. The Emergency Banking Act authorizing a bank holiday and providing for the issuing of bank currency for the payment of depositors in all solvent banks. With practically all the banks of the nation closed, the impending panic was frustrated. Without this legislation most banks would have been ruined and permanently closed from one end of the country to the other.

2. The National Economy Act which cut government expenses 25 per cent and reduced the regular expenses of the government to within the revenue.

3. A law that modified the Volstead Act and legalized 3.2 beer.

4. A bill that permitted state banks to avail themselves of loans from the Federal Reserve system.

5. The Securities Act providing for protection of investors and making the sellers of unsound securities responsible for their acts. This bill attempts to prevent racketeering in stocks and bonds.

6. Relief measures for the unemployed throughout the nation.

7. The Agricultural Relief measure known as the A. A. A., for the purpose of restoring the prices of farm products.

8. The Muscle Shoals bill providing for the government operation of this project including the Tennessee Valley Authority—the first attempt at national planning.

9. A new adventure in banking which provides for the guarantee of bank deposits.

10. An act taking the United States off the gold standard—a step for the advancement of wage and price levels to that of 1926 and for the purpose of combating the invasions of our markets by foreign industries because of depreciated currencies.

11. The National Industrial Recovery Act known as the N. R. A., providing for appropriations for public works in order to promote recovery. This act also contains provisions for the establishment of codes in industry for the benefit of the worker and recognizing his right to organize for his own protection.

12. The H. O. L. C., or Home Owners' Loan Corporation Act, providing federal funds for the relief of distressed home owners threatened with foreclosure.

13. A farm mortgage relief act which gives to distressed farmers benefits similar to the H. O. L. C.

14. Creation of the Subsistence Homesteads program which provides for government homes on easy terms for those but partially employed.

The second session of the Seventy-third Congress has passed legislation of importance rivalling the first, or extra session.

1. The most important act of the second session is probably the creation of a federal commission to regulate the stock exchanges and the prohibition of the questionable practices of the past that have swindled millions of investors.

2. An act terminating prohibition and the subsequent deriving of a large income from taxes from the sale of alcoholic liquors.

3. A bill authorizing new naval construction to bring our navy up to the ratio established by the London Treaty.

4. Passage of a bill providing for the independence of the Philippine Islands.

5. Bills continuing the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and broadening its powers to make loans to industry.

6. A revision of the revenue laws for the purpose of preventing the treasonable evasion of income and other taxes by J. P. Morgan and others, and increasing the revenues of the government by nearly $300,000,000 per year.

7. Agricultural acts in the interest of cattlemen and cotton growers.

8. Bills revising the federal air mail contracts for the purpose of eliminating speculation and racketeering and greatly reducing the cost of air mail service.

9. A bill providing for the correction of abuses and the restoration of pensions of veterans and removing many of the injustices of the Economy Act.

10. Bills revising the bankruptcy laws and permitting municipalities to obtain bankruptcy relief.

11. Bills for the continuation of the C. C. C. camps, public works activities and further relief appropriations.

12. An act placing the telephone, telegraph and radio companies under federal control.

13. A number of bills submitted by the department of justice giving greater power to the federal government to stamp out criminal racketeering and kidnaping.

14. Another act of importance concerning the supervision of Indians and the establishment of a new Indian policy.

15. An important measure in the interest of railway employees on the problem of retirement and a revision of the rates of pay and direction under the federal government.

16. One of the important financial acts was the Silver Bill providing that the federal government shall maintain 25 per cent of the metal reserve in silver.

17. Further strengthening and widening of the provisions of the law providing for the guarantee of bank deposits.

18. A bill providing a method directed by the federal government to mediate railway disputes and another measure to avert strikes, which were particularly directed at the steel situation. It also provides for the exercise of this authority in the disputes that arise in other important industries. This last measure further protects workers in their right to organize and to select their own representatives for the purpose of collective bargaining and preventing the interference of the employers.

19. A bill providing for the membership of the United States in the International Labor Association with headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland. The International Labor Association represents nearly all nations and collects information concerning labor conditions throughout the world and prepares data and presents it to the various nations for the improvement of labor conditions including sanitation, safety devices, better living conditions and better wages.

20. A provision to permit a Federal Credit Union system which is a co-operative plan for people of small means to organize and provide themselves with small loans and relieve themselves of the extortion of the loan sharks.

21. The Housing Act, championed by President Roosevelt, promises to rehabilitate the homes of America and to restore employment through repairs and new construction.

22. A tariff act authorizing the President to contract reciprocal agreements for the promotion of foreign markets for our surplus products.

I believe that any who reads this list will agree with me that the Seventy-third Congress has been an eventful one and for those who are cynical and critical of party platforms, I invite them to compare this legislation with the promises made by the Democratic platform of 1932.

Most significant is the departure from the policy of rugged individualism of the past and the application of the New Deal to restrain the ruthless rich and to uphold and to rehabilitate the forgotten man and woman, thus preserving "a government of the people, by the people and for the people."

Bird In Cage Works Hard To Get A Living

Goldie Operates Two Ingenious Devices to Reach Food and Water

Goldie, the little bird who works for his living, paid a visit to the Torrance Herald office this week where he attracted much attention. Goldie lives in a special cage, which is fitted up with two ingenious arrangements for food and water which the little bird operates himself. Instead of the usual glass containers fastened to the side of the cage, Goldie has a tall glass for water in which is suspended a thimble on a stout cord. Goldie can not reach down to the water in the glass, so when he wants a drink he takes hold of the cord in his beak, pulls it up until the thimble is within reach, when he grasps the shortened cord in his claw and holds it while he dips his beak into the water in the container.

When Goldie is hungry he goes to the other side of his cage where his seeds are placed in a little wheeled car. Goldie takes hold of the cord, pulls up the car to the bars of his cage, grips it with his claw and eats his fill. When he has enough for the time he lets go and the car runs back down the incline.

Goldie belongs to the Cut-Rate Hardware Store in Gardena, and was sent down to Torrance to be placed on exhibition at the Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association office, but spent a day with the Torrance Herald first. He is probably the only bird in captivity that has to work so hard for his living.

TORRANCE MAN TO WED L. A. GIRL

Frank D. Pagac, 24, of 720 Portola avenue, Torrance, and Mary E. Svitek, 20, of 1936 East 14th street, Los Angeles, filed notice of intention to wed yesterday.

Too Late To Classify

WOMAN to care for two children and do general housework. Phone 412-R.

Grand Theft Alleged In Hay Transaction

H. Newman, who gave his true name as Hubert Newman, and Jane Doe, were named in a complaint lodged in the Lomita township justice court last week, in which the parties were charged with grand theft. J. W. Venable, of the Venable ranch in Walteria, was the complainant. Newman appeared for arraignment on June 20 and a preliminary hearing was set for Monday, July 2, at 10 o'clock. The defendant was committed to the county jail to await the hearing.

Newman is accused of having procured the delivery to an address in Burbank of 198 bales of barley hay, valued at $202.50, for which he failed to make payment.

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Sliced Beef Libby's, 2½-oz. Glass, 13c; 7-oz. Glass 27c
Roast Beef Libby's, 12-oz. Can 15c
Corned Beef Hash Libby's, No. 2 Can 15c
Vienna Sausage—Libby's, 2 4-oz. Cans 17c
Ham Deviled Genuine Libby's, 3-ounce can 10c
Deviled Meat, Libby's 2 3⅝-oz. Cans 9c
Meatwich Spread, Libby's 4-oz. 10c
Tongue Lunch Libby's, 5-ounce can 17c
Chili Con Carne With Beans Libby's, 10½ ounce 10c
Veal Loaf Libby's, 7-ounce can 12c
Hash Corned Beef Libby's, 5⅛ ounce 2 for 15c

Tomatoes Silverdale, No. 2½ Can 10c
Peas Very Small Del Monte, No. 2 Can 14c
Premium Flakes Salted Sodas, Pkg. 10c
Cookies Asst'd. N.B.C. English Style, 1-lb. Pkg. 35c
Pretzels Brown Derby, 12-oz. 15c
Potato Chips Bell, 2-oz. 5c; 4-oz. 10c; 6-oz. 15c
Corn Flakes Kellogg's, 8-oz. Pkg. 8c
Shredded Wheat N.B.C., 12-oz. Pkg. 12c
Quaker Oats 55-oz. Package 19c
Preserves Shaw Strawberry, 40-oz. 29c
Nucoa Nut Margarine, 2 lbs. 21c
Certo Fruit Pectin, 8-oz. Bottle 24c
Camel Cigarettes 2 pkgs. 25c

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Grapes Seedless lb. 5c
Avocados Extra Large Each 19c

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TUNAETTS Creamed Tenderloin of Tuna 2 12½-OZ. CANS 25c
MORTON'S SALT Plain or Iodized 2 26-OZ. PKGS. 15c
DOGGIE DINNER A Balanced Pet Ration 3 16-OZ. CANS 25c
WALDORF TISSUE A Soft Absorbent Toilet Paper — Roll 4c
BROWN DERBY 5½ Per Cent Beer 4 11-OZ. BOTTLES 29c
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