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HOSPITAL NOTES Mrs. Elsie W. Graf, 229 South Elena, Redondo Beach, is recovering from an attack of flu. Mrs. Mildred Goff, 324 1/2 Sartori, is undergoing medical treatment.

To Mr. and Mrs. August Schuller, 711 North Elena, Redondo Beach, a girl, March 15.

Notes From Washington

By Charles J. Colden Congressman, 17th District

For some days the House has been in a whirlwind of conflicting opinions over the general appropriations bill which includes increased pensions for the veterans and the restoration of pay of the employees of the government. The House appropriations committee drafted the bill along the lines suggested by the director of the budget and presumed to express the wishes of the administration. There was a severe attack on this bill in the House but it was finally passed as drafted by the committee on appropriations. The so-called bonus bill or the payment of the adjusted compensation certificate has added to the confusion in the House.

When the general appropriations bill reached the Senate, a number of amendments were made increasing the appropriation for the veterans and restoring the pay of government employees to a greater extent than granted by the House. The Senate trampled all over the company's agreement with the President and added hundreds of millions of dollars of appropriations to the bill. Senator Robinson of Arkansas, floor-leader of the Senate, did his best to hold the administration line but a number of Democratic senators jumped the fence. Threatened with a veto by the President, the House leaders find themselves between the devil and the deep blue sea.

The member of Congress must remember the very large group of unemployed throughout the country who are at this time receiving the serious attention of the administration. He listens to the plea of the veteran and to the federal employee. There are a limited number of dollars available. Can you justly give all those dollars to one group and deny the others? Well, it is a tough problem and it is difficult to determine what the end will be. The President has sent word to the House that if the House approves the senate amendments, he will veto the bill.

The national securities act, which is a bill providing for the regulation of the stock exchanges of the country, is being opposed by the brokers throughout the land. Daily I am bombarded with letters from brokers, secretaries, stenographers, janitors and what not requesting me to vote against the regulation of the stock exchanges.

For some days my office has been swamped with letters from the three groups—the veterans, the federal employees, and those opposed to the national securities act. As much as I would like to answer each letter individually, I have arrived at a point where it apparently is impossible. Both of my secretaries work long hours over-time and yet we now have hundreds of letters that are unanswered. Briefly, I want to say to those who have written these letters that I want to be fair in every way to the veteran, the federal employee and the forgotten man, and will do my duty as I see it.

To those who have written about the national securities act, I want to ask all of them in candor why should not the broker who sells securities over the counter not maintain the same degree of mercantile integrity that is required from the grocer, the butcher and the baker? I can see no reason why bonds and stocks that have no value should be peddled to the public and partake of both fraud and deception. I have witnessed the sale of worthless paper. The broker was enriched and the troller was deprived of his earnings.

I have no desire whatever to interfere with the legitimate sale of stocks and bonds that are based on real assets. But to those who expect to profit in the bond and stock racket that has been conducted in the past, I assure them they will certainly be disappointed if they expect any help from me.

One of the unusual events in Washington has been the battle with the starlings. These birds are so numerous in Washington that they have become a nuisance. Walking about the streets at night, you will observe thousands and thousands of them perched on the fronts of the leading business and office buildings. This is also true of the capitol. Washington has tried to relieve itself of these pests by turning the hose on them and their roosts at night but the starlings only moved from one building to another and it was difficult for the man with the hose to keep up with them. Next a bombardment was begun by firing guns at them loaded with empty shells. This method seems to have been more effective for the starlings are reported to have migrated to surrounding towns.

The West Point and Annapolis examinations are now over and the appointments, based upon the results of the examination and the time the candidates have been identified with the schools and the Seventeenth Congressional district, have been made. The politics of these candidates was considered into consideration. One appointment was made to West Point and two to Annapolis.

The life of a congressman would be a happy one if he could vote for all the appropriations and all the bills to reduce taxes. But every appropriation bill requires corresponding revenues. For every dollar spent, some one must pay the bill. It is a tough question to know just where to draw the line and that is why the members who have the responsibility actually grow grey in the service of their country.

The Little Congress, the debating society composed of the secretaries of the House of Representatives and the Senate, holds regular sessions and discusses the measures that are before Congress. In a recent session, Haskell Tidwell of San Pedro led the affirmative on the question that the United States should bring her navy to treaty strength. Wilbur Heakin of Maryville, Missouri, my former home-town, led the negative. It is reported that both sides put up a strong argument but it is needless to say that San Pedro walked away with the honors and left my Missouri friend with empty hands. On the roll call, Tidwell won 63 to 27.

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