

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, May 10.—Before President Roosevelt left Washington for a vacation voyage on the new cruiser "Philadelphia" he took occasion to send a message to Congress asking for half a million dollars to be used for investigating private monopolies. Concentration of economic power in the hands of a few persons or groups, he said, tended toward a condition which he compared to Fascism. That Congress will vote the money is more than likely. That the investigation, to be made by the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission will produce any results that will be politically useful is doubted by many. And what Congress is most concerned about, now as always, is political results.

Congressional leaders do not look for any important political results from the expression by sixteen of the Nation's financial and business leaders that they are ready to go along with Government whenever Government shows signs of being willing to play ball with them. The elder statesmen on the Conservative side have never had any doubt that business men were eager to continue in business and financiers to finance business, once the hobbles imposed by onerous taxation were removed and business was not kept in a state of suspense and apprehension.

Ease Up on Business
President Roosevelt's expression of approval of the evidence of cooperative spirit on the part of big business is taken in some quarters as indicating a change of front by the Administration in its attitude toward business. Whether that proves to be true or not, there is no question that the attitude of a majority in Congress has become definitely realistic, and that no new legislation which is calculated to have a deterrent effect upon business expansion and employment has a ghost of a chance of enactment at this session.

The response of the nation to the new tax bill as finally agreed on by the conference committee of the two houses has been to encourage the conservative Democrats in their attitude of independence. The new tax law practically abolishes the tax on corporation reserves, and so greatly modifies the capital gains tax as to eliminate that barrier to the investment of new capital, for all practical purposes. There is, to be sure, some trace left in the new bill of the Administration plan of taxing undistributed corporate earnings. That was retained in principle as a matter of "saving face" for the President. But in effect the tax plan agreed upon is another victory for the rebellious group in Congress, who have been heartened by success to take an even more defiant stand in opposition to another of the pet measures of the White House.

Wage-Hour Bill Stymied
That is the bill to regulate wages and hours of labor by Federal statute. The Executive pressure upon Congress to enact such a law has been tremendous and persistent ever since the proposal was first broached. There have been a series of bitter fights in both houses, chiefly behind committee-room doors, over the plan sponsored in the House by Representative Mary Norton of New Jersey. The original measure has been revamped and modified in committee until it bears little resemblance to its original form. At last it took a form upon which the majority of the Labor committee could agree, but it instantly ran into a snag in the shape of the all-powerful rules committee.

Without the consent of the rules committee, under parliamentary procedure, no bill can be placed on the calendar for consideration by the entire House. And the Rules Committee refused to grant a rule placing the bill on the calendar. Five Southern Democrats, Cox of Georgia, Driver of Arkansas, Smith of Virginia, Clark of North Carolina, and Dies of Texas, joined with three Republican members of the committee to refuse the rule. They were reflecting the general opposition in the South to any legislative attempt to put the wages of Negroes on a level with those of white workers.

Unless Chairman Norton can get 218 members to sign a petition discharging the Rules Committee from consideration of her bill, it has no chance of passage at this session. And in view of the time it would take to make action under a petition effective, and the almost unanimous desire of Congress to adjourn by June first at the latest, the outlook for a wages-and-hours law seems doubtful.

Garner Bucking F.D.R.?
It is no secret on Capitol Hill that there is antagonism between the President and the Vice-President. Both men are too good politicians to admit an open clash between them, but it is suspected by many insiders that Mr. Garner is the master-mind behind much of the political strategy which has resulted in the defeat of many of the President's pet measures. The President still has many loyal supporters in both Houses, of course. There are nearly two

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of the Louisburg Light and Power Department, who is making a splendid job of rebuilding the City plant. The plant is giving excellent service to its many customers under his efficient management.

hundred Representatives and more than forty Senators who can be counted upon to stand by Mr. Roosevelt and the New Deal through thick and thin. Not the least important of these is Senator Sherman Minton of Indiana, who is understood to be very close to the President's confidence, and is often regarded as the President's spokesman.

Senator Minton succeeded Senator Black, upon the latter's elevation to the Supreme Court, as chairman of the Special Committee to investigate lobbying. His attitude in that capacity has been one of bitter hostility toward anyone who criticized or tried to block the passage of any measure favored by the President.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and relatives for their kindness shown us during the lingering illness and death of our beloved husband and son, and we also thank them for the beautiful floral designs.

Mrs. Alston Fuller.
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Fuller.

Demonstrations in Harnett County with peat moss on tobacco plant beds resulting in better root systems and larger plants. The soil was kept in such condition that the plants were easily pulled for setting.

Nell—No, I just can't stand being kissed.
Tom—That's great! Come here and sit down.

Louisburg College News Items

Dramatic Club

At a recent meeting of the Dramatic Club, the following students were elected as officers for next year: President, Miss Evelyn Earhardt, Louisburg; Vice President, E. B. Roberts, Wake Forest; Secretary, Miss Mildred Murray, Raleigh; Business Manager, John Lee Edwards, Stantonsburg. This year, a great deal of interest has been shown by the students in the Dramatic Club. Ten members of the club have been admitted to the Players' Organization. The Louisburg College Players is the honorary division of the Dramatic Club. Students become members through outstanding work in the club's productions and are judged by a point system adopted by the club.

The following students will be awarded, at the commencement exercises, players' emblems: Miss Evelyn Earhardt, Louisburg; Miss Margaret Cox, Raleigh; Miss Martha Blanch Rice, Enfield; Miss Rose Malone, Louisburg; Miss Sara Joyner, Wilson; Miss Lillian Johnson, Holly Springs; Miss Ruth Knight; E. B. Roberts, Wake Forest; Enoch Dickens, Halifax; Lloyd Bell, Monroe.

The players are now working on the commencement production which is to be a group of three one-act plays.

Entertainment

The Louisburg College Players, honorary division of the Dramatic Club, enjoyed their annual banquet, Wednesday evening, April 27. The players attended the ball game at State College of Louisburg College and State freshmen.

Following this, they enjoyed a banquet at the Green Grill and a theatre party at the Ambassador.

Recitals

Miss Virginia Peyatt, Head of the Speech and Dramatic Art Departments at Louisburg College, recently presented four of her students, of the Department of Speech, in recitals.

On Friday evening, April 29, at 8 o'clock, Miss Lillian Johnson, of Holly Springs, read "Apple Blossoms," by William Martins, "Patterns," by Amy Lowell, and "Home Thoughts From Abroad," by Robert Browning. Miss Margaret Cox, of Raleigh, read "By Courier," by O'Henry. Miss Martha Blanch Rice, of Enfield, read "Ingomar" (Translated from the German) by von Muench-Billinghausen. Ushers were Beth Von Canon, of West End, Josephine Lamm, of Wilson, Margaret Beaton, of Stantonsburg, and Irma Conner, of Rich Square.

On Monday evening, May 2, Miss Sara Joyner, of Wilson, presented a recital in speech, assisted by Miss Edith Dixon from the School of Music. Miss Joyner read a play in one act, Miss Dixon rendered "Sonata" (op. 14, No. 1) by Beethoven. Ushers for Miss Joyner were Winifred Baum, of Swan Quarter, Margaret Barellit, of Durham, Annie Mae Braswell, of Whitakers, and Louis Jones, of Pink Hill.

Miss Joyner handled with precision splendid characterizations of the five characters portrayed in her play.

Each student rendered a sympathetic interpretation of her selection and showed careful training in voice, diction, and pantomime expression.

Louisburg

THE HOME OF BETTER PICTURES

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These students showed unusual talent and marked technical skill in each rendition.

In the presence of an unusually large congregation, which filled the house, funeral services for Mr. Fuller were held at Trinity M. E. Church on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. A. Martin, pastor of the church. Burial was in the Church cemetery, and the floral tribute was large and very pretty.

The active pallbearers were: Marshall Hoyle, Durwood Collins.

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A. O. FULLER DEAD

Alston Ormond Fuller died at the home of his parents, near Ingleside, on Thursday morning, May 5. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Fuller and was 31 years of age. Mr. Fuller was a member of Trinity Church. Confined to the home for more than a year his death followed a period of long and patient suffering.

Surviving are his wife, who before marriage was Miss Ruth Hershman, four sons, Kenneth, Bobby, Thurston and John, and one daughter, Ruby Pearl Fuller; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Fuller; four brothers, Jas. M. Russell, Yarborough and Elliott Fuller; and three sisters, Mrs. J. J. Collins, Mrs. C. J. Winn, and Mrs. K. G. Weldon, all of Franklin County.

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