

CONGRESS IS GOING TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS

(By Wallace Bassford) Washington, D. C. April 8.—Congress is going to get down to business. This is the only real news in Washington this week, and it is rather late in coming, for Congress has been in session more than four months and only one insignificant bill has reached

the President for his signature. When the lawmakers met in December it was the prediction that a big batch of legislation would be enacted and the session ended June 1, a date now less than two months away, and nothing done. There is growing a disposition on the part of Republican newspapers to claim that the big investigations forced by the Democrats have made it impossible to legislate.

There can be no justification for such a claim. The investigations have been carried on in small committees, where not one-tenth of the Senate's membership was engaged at any one time, while both Senate and House were sitting several hours each day. The truth is that delays of legislation can be ascribed chiefly to two facts, one being the utter incapacity of present day leadership in the Republican party, and the other being the split in the Republican party. It is almost impossible for that party to legislate at all under a condition which makes the legislation acceptable to one wing of the party utterly repugnant to the other wing. That which is acceptable to the conservative or Coolidge wing is like a red flag waved in the face of the radical bulls. Anything which would appeal to the LaFollette crowd as being suitable legislation would look to the eastern Republicans like a page from Lenin's communism. Once the party was a standpat aggregation because Mark Hanna figured that they should "let well-enough alone." Now they are standpatters because they can't be anything else; in other words, they can't turn a wheel. They have arrived at a point where a change of control of the Congress is almost inevitable.

Those Congressmen who have visited their districts recently have found a curious misapprehension as to the real situation in Congress as to the lowering of taxes. They find in the minds of many an impression that Mr. Mellon has been trying to reduce taxes and that the Democrats have been interfering with his benevolent desires. This is doubtless due to the efforts of many of the big newspapers and magazines, owned by interests which would benefit greatly by the peculiar sort of tax reduction proposed by Secretary Mellon—much reduction for the very rich and a small sop flung to the general public. The Democrats have fought strongly for the reduction of the favors to the millionaires and an increase in the benefits to the people rated financially below the richest class. They have tried to increase the exemption for single men to \$2,000 and to married men to \$3,000, and to reduce sharply all income taxes, at the same time giving a moderate reduction to the wealthiest citizens. By their persistence the Democrats have been able to affect a compromise in the House bill which reduces below the Mellon rates the taxes to be paid by almost all classes. For this they deserve the thanks of the country. The delays in the legislation were necessary to force these reductions, but the bill will pass in ample time to give the people the reductions on their taxes for the present year. If the Republicans had been willing to join the Democrats in passing the resolution which the latter proposed, taxes for the year just past would have been reduced by 25 per cent.

Mr. Daugherty is gone; his going was accompanied by neither regrets nor flowers, from the White House or anywhere else. President Coolidge eased himself, his administration and Mr. Daugherty down by asking the latter to step out because of his attitude in the small matter of allowing the investigating committee to examine papers from the Department of Justice. In this way the President side-stepped discussion of the grave and outrageous charges of maladministration on the part of a great department of his own household. It is the only time since he entered the White House that he has really been called upon for a distinct and important utterance on a great subject, and there is a profound conviction that he side-stepped. When he delivered his message at the opening of Congress he asked for fifty-seven different sorts of important legislation, certainly knowing that there was small chance that as many as seven of them would be enacted into law. He seems to have recommended to Congress everything that anyone suggested, excepting the soldiers' bonus. Of all the many things asked of Congress, just one has passed the House—tax reduction. The one thing he specifically taboed, the bonus, also passed the House. When the session ends along in the dog days, and the whole land is impatiently praying for Congress to quit and go home, not more than half a dozen of the fifty-seven varieties will be on the statute books. The public is witnessing the same sort of inaction which drove the Taft administration from power in 1912; there was the same split in the Republican party and the same inability to legislate, with a weak leader in the White House. If Taft and Harding lacked force in leadership, Coolidge is in even worse state. There is a growing impression that his silence is not the silence of Grant, the imperturbability of one strong and conscious of his strength, but rather the silence of that timidity which comes from known weakness and a confusion of mind as to what to do. His very attitude, physical appearance and expression of countenance lend support to the feeling that he is not big enough for the job. This timidity makes him a do-nothing President, and as such he will probably find his place in history.

Mr. George R. Ross Assumes Duties As Chief of Division of Markets Mr. George R. Ross, who was appointed successor to E. F. Brown as chief of the Division of Markets and Rural Organization of the Department of Agriculture has assumed the duties of his office. His work principally will have to do with the supervision of local co-operative marketing organizations, small unions, marketing arrangements and the enforcement of regulations governing the marketing of perishable products. He also will have supervisory over the agricultural market reporting service to a certain extent.

THOMASVILLE TO HAVE NEW POSTOFFICE BUILDING

A new postoffice building for Thomasville is now assured and notices have been posted that the Treasury Department at Washington would be glad to receive bids for the building and that the plans could be had from the local postmaster, or from the department in Washington. The building is to be of brick and tile construction, 62x64 feet and is to cost \$82,000.00. The government appropriated the sum of \$55,000.00 for a post office for Thomasville in 1917. A site was purchased which cost the government \$8,000.00, leaving \$47,000.00 for building purposes. The war came and new construction on government buildings was stopped. Recently a bill was introduced in the house asking that where sites had been purchased for the use of government buildings, and money appropriated, that the matters be reopened, further appropriations made, as building costs had materially increased and towns outgrown the building contemplated, and construction work started as soon as possible. This bill carried an additional appropriation of \$35,000.00 for Thomasville, making the total expenditure of \$90,000.00 the site having cost \$8,000.00 and leaving a total for building operations of \$82,000.00. At the time buildings were authorized for eight other North Carolina towns, they being Edenton, Lenoir, Lumberton, Mount Olive, Mount Airy, Rockingham, Rutherfordton and Wadesboro.

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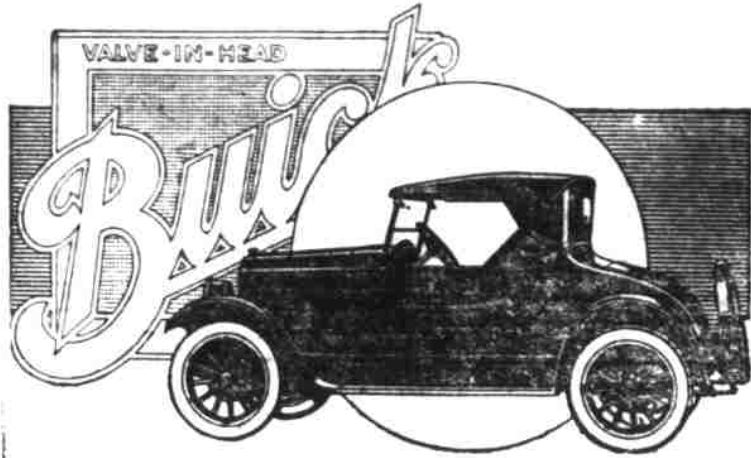
Mrs. Vickey Underwood and Mr. Arthur Allred were the guests of Mr. Tom Allred near Liberty last Sunday. Mr. Ed Burnside and family, of White Oak, visited at Mr. Arthur Allred's Sunday. Mr. Tom Allred visited Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Underwood near Lineberry the first of the week. Miss Janie Wright and Mr. Theodore Williams spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Cladius Underwood. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brewer were visitors in Greensboro Monday. Mr. A. M. Underwood who has been critically ill for some time does not improve. Mr. A. M. Allred and family, of Staley, spent the week-end with Mrs. Allred's mother. Mr. Seab Turner is recovering after a week's illness.

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