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A Welcome Congress

THE extra session of the congress which convened in Washington Monday in response to the call of President Roosevelt is welcomed by the business interests of the country, which is something rare in the history of the United States.

Business is usually afraid of congress—and with reason—for the national lawmakers generally keep business in a state of jitters because of uncertainty as to just what they will pass or not pass.

But this time it is different. The present recession in industry, the uncertain stock market and the international situation are all matters which need immediate attention, and it is felt that some relief may be looked for from congress.

Industrial leaders feel that the present tax on undistributed corporation surpluses and the capital gains and losses tax are unjust, and it is no doubt true that some of them are curtailing production, notwithstanding profitable orders on their books, because of these taxes. This, of course, throws men out of work, cuts down buying power and causes a slump in all lines of business.

Another thing is that the financial leaders of the country have been hoping for a balanced budget and a start toward cutting down the enormous government deficit. They hope that congress will restore confidence and justify the expenditures which they contemplate for improvement and expansion of manufacturing plants.

But next year will be election year for all members of the lower house and one-third of the senate, and the outlook for curtailing government expenditures, either at the extra session or at the regular session in January, is not so promising. Every congressman is perfectly willing that all spending by the government shall cease in every district save his own, but in his particular district the need is so great that his people must have more money instead of less.

When it comes to cutting a senator's or congressman's constituents and supporters off the government payroll in order to stop an ever-mounting deficit and balance the budget, there is nothing doing. Decidedly not.

The President has indicated a desire that taxes be more equitably adjusted in order to ease the strain on business, and has also requested legislation to encourage capital to enter the field of new housing on a large scale. His program as submitted to congress, includes seven sections:

1. Tax law modifications "adequate to encourage productive enterprise."
2. Encouragement of private capital "to enter the field of new housing on a large scale."
3. Further search for methods of checking monopoly.
4. Legislation for storage of crop surpluses and control of production when surpluses threaten to depress farm prices.
5. "Immediate" passage of flexible legislation for federal regulation of minimum wages and maximum working hours.
6. Reorganization of the executive branch of the government.
7. Creation of additional regional planning agencies similar to TVA.

The general opinion seems to be that the President may be able to get a satisfactory tax measure through and probably some kind of housing legislation at this session, but that the remainder of his program will go over until the regular session next year.

But with an election close at hand and the folks at home howling for more cash, it would be too much to expect anything in the way of economy from the present congress.

Letter-Press

KNOW AN OLD-TIMER

"Praise no man until he is dead" or else you may find "love's labor lost."

In 1874 I made the acquaintance of Major John Stroebel, of Spartanburg, S. C., an aged man, and at his insistence remained in his home for a few months, as his family consisted of three daughters, all past the bloom of youth, and he wanted a man to assist him in the management of his farm and other business.

He told me that he surveyed the first line of railroad ever built in the South—the road from Hamburg, near Augusta, Ga., to Charleston, S. C., a distance of 135 miles, at that time the longest railroad in the world.

The road was completed in 1835. At the time of which I write news came that Judge Orr, minister to the court of St. Petersburg, had after a short residence there, died and was brought to Anderson, S. C., his home, for burial. I told Major Stroebel that the Anderson newspaper reported that Minister Orr died of inflammatory fever. He reported, "They better have said inflammatory whiskey. I have buried six drunken brothers-in-law."

He then told me of one, a Captain Abney, who, he said was the best man he ever knew and the worst drunkard. In his own words, "If ever there was a man whose word was as good as his bond it was Captain Abney's. His sympathy for people in distress seemed to have had no limit. Regardless of the weather or the time of day or night or whether the sufferers were rich or poor, white or black, he zealously ministered to their wants; and yet he once said to me: 'Before I would do without strong drink I would lay my first finger on a block and have it chopped off for a jug of whiskey, and when that was consumed I would lay down another finger' and then another until my hands were mere stumps. I have lost all power of self-control. He died drunk. His life was a paradox." "The ideal wise man is not on the earth and never has been."—Plutarch.

The following story is substantially in Major Stroebel's own words:

"I made a vow at six years of age never to drink intoxicating beverages and do not know the taste of whiskey. Once I was a member of the legislature, and the youngest member of that body. It was the custom of the Governor to invite a group of legislators to a banquet at the Governor's mansion. Once I was an invited guest. Wine was always served on these occasions. When all were seated, the Governor rose at the head of the table holding a glass of wine and looking toward me, said, 'I crave the pleasure of drinking a glass of wine with the Honorable John Stroebel, of Colleton.'

"I at once arose and in the most courteous manner that I could command responded: 'I hope it will please the Governor to excuse me for wine or strong drink has never passed my lips.'

"The Governor sat down the glass of wine, walked to me, took my hand and said:

"The courage of your refusal gives me much greater pleasure than if you had consented."

Lesson: Moral courage is a nobler, and also a rarer virtue of men than physical courage.

B. M. ANGEL.

Swine Market Brings Good Price For Hogs

The Robeson county cooperative hog market at Lumberton has shipped 4,221 head of hogs in 58 cars so far this year, reports R. B.

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COLD
12 TABLETS
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Harper, county farm agent of the State college extension service.

The hogs weighing 834,010 pounds sold for \$84,377.46, or a little more

than 10 cents a pound.

Harper added that this does not include hogs sold on consignment or trucked from the county.

QUESTION:

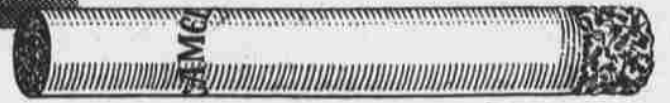
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