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### Quits With Few Accomplishments

Congress quit last Saturday evening at 6:55 o'clock, leaving undone the task expected of it by the people. As a whole, the Congress accomplished very little during the nearly eight months it was in session, and the fellow who works the year around is of the opinion that many of the Representatives, and Senators, too, have not earned their pay, certainly when accomplishments are considered.

The old antagonists maintain that the President's court plan jammed the brakes on and made impossible the handling of other legislative matters. These old antagonists had no other legislative plans to offer, and about the only thing that has been interrupted by the court squabble was those annual vacations of several months' duration. If some of those senators, including our own Mr. Bailey, who fought the court bill to the last ditch, had had some plan of their own to offer and that plan had been blocked by the court bill argument, then, and not until then, could the administration be charged with gumming up the works.

To the layman it appears that some all-wise Senators have gummed up the works by fighting plans proposed for the advancement of recovery and for the welfare of the masses.

The court plan advanced by the President to get around the wrecking of the AAA was bitterly attacked. Those who attacked the court bill then turn around and favor pegging cotton prices at 12 cents a pound, apparently forgetting that such a practice will prove futile unless supported by some control plan for pro-

Whatever interruption follows in the New Deal recovery program will be chargeable to those senators who have blocked the administration plans and offered none of their own.

# Admit Need for Farm Legislation

Quitting their posts last Saturday, a majority of Representatives and Senators is said to have admitted the need for some type of farm legislation and agreed to give agriculture first consideration at the next session of Congress, either at a special or the regular session in January. This recognition and the agreement to consider farm legislation are to be accepted as the most encouraging news to come out of Washington in months. It shows that some of the slowthinking members of Congress are at last waking up to actual facts.

Probably the old Agricultural Adjustment Administration had its fault, but that system was far better than the old plan of glutting the markets year after year and inviting the economic downfall of the everyone of us. From now until the next session of the National Congress convenes, some of those who have bitterly assailed the New Deal will find it advisable to give the existing conditions much study and formulate plans to remedy those conditions. If they can do it, and do it effectively without challenging that great old historic document, the Constitution, so much the better. But they must do something, for they cannot expect to keep tearing down all the while unless they offer something better themselves.

# Strange Maneuvers

News and Observer

To an outsider Tammany's recent moves-including its late blessing upon Jimmy Walker-are bewildering, but to the observer of Gotham's political situation, their meaning is simple enough. Tammany Hall, enraged by the scant attention paid to it by the Roosevelt administration, means to recover its old power by an active war on the New Deal. It means to win back its control over local jobs, its connection with city contracts, and its influence in national politics. Its nominal leader is Sullivan, but it is not denied that its actual one is Al Smith.

It is freely charged that its choice for mayor, Senator Copeland, is the candidate of the New York wing of the Liberty League, led by Al Smith, William Randolph Hearst, the reactionary Republicans, and all the gentlemen who teamed up against Franklin D. Roosevelt last year." Senator Copeland left little doubt about that when he turned upon the President's nomination of Hugo Black for the Supreme Court.

Can Tammany upset the New Deal? It still has some power, but its hold has been sadly shaken by the at its districts have been depleted of voters by esale population movements to Brooklyn and the

all the old good things suburbs. And it no longer to hand out to the boys

At any rate, this strange combination against the Washington administration is evidence that powerful influences are being organized to down the New Deal in New York. They believe that the vote on the court issue in Congress means the President is licked and on his way out. The Liberty League, whose fight against the President last year was open and raucous, is now, working by indirection. For help in their attempt to nullify the New Deal they are depending on Tammany and certain Southern members of Congress. Will this team stand hitched, and will it whoa and haw as diercted? That remains to be seen.

#### While Congress Labors

Here are two news items appearing in the papers last week that may or may not be significant, depending on how one wants to regard them:

Gastonia. Representative Bulwinkle returned here from Washington some time ago, closed his office there and opened his home here. Congressman Bulwinkle is thinking of returning to Washington soon, the length of his stay in Washington, after his return there, will depend upon the amount of important business scheduled for consideration before adjournment, he indicated."

"Washington.-Senator Bailey left here last Saturday night to join his family at Morehead City. . . Senators and close friends were informed by him before he left that he would probably not be back this session. Senator Bailey has suffered considerably from headaches since his five-hour speech against President Roosevelt's court plan."

Everyone is privileged to write his own ticket, but we reckon that it is not out of place to observe that when the boys are carousing around at home they are not representing-and goodness knows if ever there was a time when the country needs the benefits of the collective wisdom of Congress it is now. When the man who tends the lathe in a factory decides to knock off for a spell, his wage usually is knocked off with him, but Messrs. Bailey and Bulwinkle will not be so handicapped, their pay will go one while they fish and reflect on how they have saved the country.

Some representatives in Congress hold to the theory that having wanted their places enough to fight for them, it is not seemly to leave Washington on account of the heat, but maybe Senator Bailey and Congressman Bulwinkle just plain don't give a hang.

#### Farm Returning in Favor

Harry Linney, Port Carling, Canada, in Goldsboro

A potent influence in this "Back to the Farm" travel, working for a better distribution of population, is the growing practice of locating industries in small towns and villages. In literally hundreds of towns of less than 4,000 population in Canada, and particularly in Ontario and Quebec Provinces, there is a total dearth of industries except such as rely directly on agriculture. This situation has tended to narrow the view and contract the sympathies of both the farmer and the industrialist. The wider diffusion of industries will be of great advantage to all. And what is said of Canada also applies to North Carolina.

To the farmer it means improved living conditions, more varied contacts, better markets, and increased cultural opportunities. To the factor man who formerly worked and lived in congested quarters in some city it means reduced living costs, a more commodious home, a garden for vegetables and flowers, and most likely opportunity for some outside diversion and income, such as poultry-raising. Above all, it takes him and his family away from the dirt and noise of the city and brings them into closer contact with nature and country life.

Improved farm conditions and the scattering of factories can do much to rejuvenate decadent villages and life they were in our early history. If they grasp their opportunities, they not only will develop for the farmer improved trade tacilities, but will provide suitable channels for innumerable social activities now greatly needed. Educational advantages can be brought on a par with those in progressive cities and the instincts for beauty can be given for expression.

# Lindsay Warren and FDR

Rocky Mount Evening Telegram

"The President promised Lindsay Warren he would come; that's why he came to Manteo. That's also why I am here." With these simple words, Postmaster General James A. Farley gave a questioner in Rocky Mount some idea of the size of North Carolina's First District Congressman among leaders in

With the pressure of duties incident to the closing sessions of Congress and other duties arising out of the Far East situation, not many occasions could bring the President away from Washington at this time. Of course, the celebration and its historic associations are worthy of a President's call; but the linking of these with a personal appreciation for the great service of a great Congressman is a tribute that Lindsay Warren's friends in North Carolina and in Washington can both understand and approve. How many members of Congress, we respectfully ask, could take the Chief Executive away from his desk at this time?

# Substituting Sentiment for Duty

The Arlington Sun

Too often we substitute sentiment for duty. A man will neglect his mother for a whole year and on Mother's Day send her a big bouquet of roses. A man in his prosperity will neglect to contribute to worthy causes, and when he is no longer prosperous will bemoan the fact that he cannot contribute. And all of us habitually give our pity to everybody but our as-

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