

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, January 19.—The new Congress started off under a full head of steam by enacting a resolution plugging a hole in the neutrality act of last year. There was nothing in the old law to prevent any American from selling war supplies to either party in a civil war such as is now going on in Spain. The State Department had been compelled to grant licenses for the export of several million dollars worth of second hand airplanes and engines which had been sold to the Spanish rebels by a Brooklyn dealer who had bought them at a United States army auction.

These munitions had already been loaded on a ship when Congress convened. The effort of the new Congress was to rush the new law through in time to prevent the ship from sailing. Congress was not quick enough. However, it is now the law that hereafter no American may supply arms to anybody taking part in a civil war anywhere in the world.

There is a distinct feeling in Washington that the State Department is worried about the European war outlook. Signs are numerous that a large scale international conflict is brewing in Spain. This country may not become involved, though there is always that danger, but just in case, the President has ordered work to be begun, immediately on the construction of the two biggest battleships that we have ever built. They will cost about \$100,000,000 and will take about three years to build.

The Constitution
While there is talk heard on every side about a constitutional amendment giving Congress authority to legislate on labor relations, there is not an immediate likelihood that such a resolution will be adopted this year. Congress was considerably impressed by the President's reminder that the Constitution already has sufficient breadth to permit government to meet twentieth century social and economic problems in a progressive way, and that all that is needed is, "enlightened interpretation."

That is, in effect, what some of the members of the Supreme Court have also said in the past four years. The latest Supreme Court decisions have given much satisfaction to the more liberal minded.

The Court's reaffirmation of the right of peaceful assembly resulting in setting free a man who had been arrested two years ago in Oregon. Dick deJonge at-

tended a meeting of the Communist Party. There was no evidence that anything treasonable was said or done at that meeting, but on the theory that any Communist meeting must be criminal the Oregon police arrested deJonge—and the Supreme Court of the United States in an unanimous opinion has set him free.

Child Labor Amendment
In another decision the Supreme Court ruled that when any state adopts a law forbidding the importation of prison-made goods, it becomes a federal offense to ship such goods into that state. This decision has been held by some commentators to make it unnecessary to continue the effort to ratify the pending of constitutional amendment forbidding the interstate shipment of goods produced by the labor of children. Nevertheless, President Roosevelt has issued a strong appeal to the legislatures of all of the states which have not ratified the child labor amendment, urging them to act upon it speedily.

Twenty-four states have already ratified the amendment but twelve more must do so before it becomes a part of the federal constitution. Former President Hoover has joined in the appeal, declaring that President Roosevelt is entirely right.

The amendment was first submitted to the states in President Coolidge's administration, after the Supreme Court had ruled that Congress had no power to prohibit the shipment of products of child-labor in interstate commerce.

Congress Centers Attention
One of the first big jobs which Congress is trying to get out of the way is the continuation and extension of some of the emergency legislation which expires by a limitation in the course of the next few weeks.

Three bills are under way, one extending until June 30, 1939, the lending authority of the R. F. C. and some of the other federal lending agencies; a second extending to the same date the President's discretionary power to devalue the dollar and continuing the two billion dollar currency stabilization fund; the third continues for the same period the authority of the Federal Reserve bank system to issue currency notes against government securities.

One of the other laws which expires on June 30 this year unless Congress reenacts it is the three-cent postage law. All the indications are, however, that this will be reenacted.

The Motor Strike
The labor situation is giving Administration and Congressional leaders a great deal of concern. While every practical politician wants to go on record on every possible occasion as being a friend of labor, none of them wants to be forced into taking sides as between the two major factions into which organized labor is now split.

The effort of John Lewis' C. I. O. to force General Motors to recognize his union as the sole bargaining agency with its employees is in conflict with the American Federation of Labor, which has a strong and very active lobby always at work on Capitol Hill. The understanding here is that Mr. Lewis did not intend to start the General Motors strike until Spring, but the local leaders got out of hand and went ahead with their sit-down strikes before all the plans of strategy had been perfected.

It is also the understanding here that it was never the intention of the C. I. O. to cripple the whole automobile industry. The strike was aimed at General Motors alone.

Act Is Explained To Kiwanis Club

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dusty or business job, are earning benefits which will come to them later on in the form of monthly payments from the United States government. The amount of the monthly payments will depend on the total amount of wages or salary the worker receives from his industrial or business job from January 1, 1937, to his 65th birthday.

The monthly payments to go as high as \$85 a month; they cannot be less than \$10. A worker who earns on an average of \$30 a week, or \$1,560 a year, for 30 years after 1936 and before he is 65, will receive a check from the government for \$50.75 a month the rest of his life after age 65. If he dies before he has received any monthly payments, his estate will receive 3 and one-half cents on every dollar of these wages or \$1,638. All Social Security benefits of this nature are based upon the worker's wage or salary and the number of years he works before becoming 65 years old.

The law provides that employers and workers pay a tax on the workers' wages up to wages of \$3,000 a year from any one employer. This tax is collected by the government from the employers. For three years, beginning Jan-

Find Reliever's Diamonds



NEW YORK. . . Above is Joseph Rose, on Home Relief here and living in a small rented room, who started police with a complaint that \$250,000 worth of his diamonds had been stolen from under his mattress. Investigation disclosed the diamonds in a safety deposit box.

uary 1, 1937, the workers under the law pay one cent per dollar of wages. In 1940 the rate is increased to 1-2 cents per dollar; in 1943 to two cents, and in 1949

and thereafter the rate is three cents per dollar. This will be taken out of the workers' pay. The employer also pays a tax equal to all the taxes his employees pay.

Other points of the security program were also explained by Mr. Shirley.

The speaker was introduced by Kiwanian Garland Johnson.

During the meeting the club gave a vote of thanks to Capt. A. M. Smith for the excellent job he did in raising the town's quota of \$3,000 to go to the erection of a \$45,000 addition to Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital here.

Fletcher Harris was welcomed into the club as a new member. Walter Combs was present as the guest of Kiwanian E. S. Spainhour, and Glenn Lewis, formerly of High Point, and now connected with the local J. C. Penney Co. store, was the guest of Kiwanian A. L. Griffith.

In Germany it is estimated that insects destroy one out of every five apples, one out of every ten grains of wheat and one of every thirteen potatoes.

Plans Under Way For Annual Ball

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has urged that everyone make plans to attend the ball. If it is impossible for some to attend, he urges that they buy tickets and give them to those who otherwise might not be able to attend.

Two orchestras will be on hand for the event here, one to furnish music for round dancers and the other, a string band, to play for the square dancers. The main dining room of Hotel Elkin will be cleared for round dancing and the Kiwanis room will be used for square dancing. The dance will last until 1 a. m.

Committees appointed are as follows:

Entertainment committee: George Royall, chairman; C. C. Poindexter, Mrs. Franklin Folger, Mrs. Hugh Parks, Mrs. Thomas Roth; decorating committee: Mrs. C. G. Ashby, chairman; Mrs. R. C. Freeman, Mrs. J. O. Bivins; orchestra committee: Paul Gwyn, chairman; J. O. Bivins; ticket

committee: W. M. Allen, chairman; Lesbia Graham, Jo Barker, Jerry Barker, Mary Sale; floor committee: Dixie Graham, chairman; C. S. Foster, J. L. Darnell, W. J. Snow; advertising committee: H. F. Laffoon, chairman; Alan Browning, Jr.

Foley M. Norman will again serve as treasurer of the ball.

Antonio Pigafetta, a member of the first round-the-world expedition, traded the king of spades from a deck of cards for six fowl with natives near Cape St. Augustine.

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