

# THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, July 27.—The sudden death of Senator "Joe" Robinson of Arkansas, leader of the Administration forces in the factional battle in the Senate over the President's Supreme Court project resulted in intensifying the differences between the opponents of the plan and the adherents of Mr. Roosevelt.

The situation precipitated by the Court fight is being lived by old-time political observers to the split in the Republican party which arose in Congress in 1909.

The "Insurgent" movement which began in that year was not so much a revolt against President Taft as against the entire Republican party leadership.

It resulted in splitting the party wide open, bringing Theodore Roosevelt back into political life as a third-party candidate in 1912, on the Progressive or "Bull Moose" ticket, and the election of Woodrow Wilson, the first Democratic presidential victory for twenty years.

### Robinson Loyal to End

Senator Robinson chose the course of political loyalty. Those closest in his confidence say that he did not like the President's court plan, and particularly disliked the President's failure to consult with him and other leaders of the Congressional majority before proposing it. But he viewed his obligation as leader of the President's party in the Senate in the traditional American manner,

and set out to do the best he could for a measure which was politically expedient.

He did not succeed in getting the President to accept the Logan-Hatch substitute bill, but that did not lessen the vigor of the Opposition. So Joe Robinson died fighting for a cause in which his heart was not, a loyal party man to the end.

There is little doubt that Senator Robinson's death can be attributed in some measure to the deadly Washington climate, which has killed scores of statesmen in the past. The direct cause of his death was heart failure, brought on by his untiring labors in behalf of the Court bill. Senator Copeland of New York, who practiced medicine for many years and is a sort of consulting physician to the Senate, warned Senator Robinson, a week before he died, that he was flirting with death.

Mr. Robinson was on the verge of collapse when he finished his first speech, opening the debate on the bill. He complained to friends that the heat of Washington's summers nearly overcame him, especially the abrupt change from the autumn coolness of the air-conditioned Senate to the stifling atmosphere outside.

**Washington's Heat Unbearable**  
There is no escaping the heat in Washington. It is seldom tempered by dry winds, such as make the heat of the mid-western prairies bearable, and the nation's capital is too far inland to get the sea-breezes which temper the nights, at least, of coastal cities and make Florida a more comfortable place in summer than Chicago.

Washington's climate has often been described as that of a steaming jungle, its swampy tidal marshes giving off a humidity which makes summer nights almost unbearable. Unless one sleeps in an artificially cooled apartment there is no escape from the oppressive, enervating torridity of the average Washington summer night.

In such an atmosphere, men

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past middle age risk their lives when they undertake such strenuous labors as are involved in a struggle like the one over the Court bill. Many other Senators have been warned, by Senator Copeland and other physicians. That so many of them, on both sides of the controversy, persist in literally taking their lives in their hands in the face of such warnings, is eloquent testimony to the depths of their convictions and the bitterness and intensity of the struggle.

The opposition Senators in the Democratic ranks are keenly aware that this is a battle to the death, politically speaking; and there is reason to believe that the President takes a similar view. One side or the other must win a decisive victory, or the issue of control of the party will be merely postponed.

If the Court bill wins, the President's control is secure, and its opponents will have to choose between retiring from public life by being read out of the party, or surrendering on the best terms they can make to preserve their party regularity. They are keenly aware of the truth of the old adage: "When you strike at a king you must kill him."

The President is alive to that, too. He has "got his Dutch up," as one of his close advisers put it, and is fighting with every weapon at his command, for the maintenance of his New Deal policies and control of the Democratic party. The President believes that the mass of the voters is still on his side, prepared to back him in whatever he proposes and to follow him wherever he leads.

## TO HOLD FARM AND HOME WEEK

Will Be Staged at State College, Raleigh, August 2 Through 6th.

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Farm and Home Week at State College, August 2-6, will be an educational vacation for thousands of North Carolina farmers and farm women.

Along with the lectures and demonstrations will be plenty of entertainment to provide a good time for all, said John W. Goodman, assistant director of the State College extension service.

On the more serious side of the program, special attention will be given the soil conservation program, dairying and livestock, farm forestry problems, farm tenancy, farm organizations and cooperatives, farm finance, poultry production, and other timely subjects.

The short course for women will cover numerous phases of homemaking on the farm, and certificates will be awarded to those who will have completed their fourth consecutive short course.

Rural ministers of the State have been invited to meet at the college during the week. Special programs have been arranged for them and they will also be invited to attend general meetings for the farm men and women.

Among the speakers for Farm and Home Week are: Harry L. Brown, assistant secretary of Agriculture; Congressman Harold D. Cooley, Gov. Clyde R. Hoey; J. B. Hutson, assistant director of the soil conservation program; Perkins Coville, U. S. Forest Service.

Dr. C. W. Warburton, director

of the national agricultural extension service; Miss Grace Fry-singer, senior home economist, U. S. Department of Agriculture; W. Kerr Scott, State Commissioner of Agriculture; Louis H. Bean, economic advisor, Agricultural Adjustment Administration; and the Rev. L. P. Burney, rural minister near Charlotte.

Games, contests, tours, dramatic plays, group singing, and a spirit of fellowship will help make the week entertaining as well as instructive, Goodman stated.

## ANNOUNCE FACULTY FOR MOUNTAIN PARK

The following faculty has been announced for Mountain Park high school for the 1937-38 term: Principal, J. Sam Gentry, Mrs. Gertrude Whitehead, Miss Lucy Mae Perry, Mrs. Hoyt Hambricht, Hugh E. People, Miss Esther Mae Lanier, Mrs. Henry Wolfe, Miss Anna G. Halsey, Miss Marthalepe Davis, Miss Viena McGee, Miss Elizabeth Joyce, Miss Mary Betty Norman, Miss Gladys Thompson and Miss Bertha Byrd.

**Wet Paint**  
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