

The WEEKLY WASHINGTON MERRY GO ROUND

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Newcomers Carried Off Honors in Unique Congressional Session; Floor Leaders Controlled Senate But Failed Dismally in House; Marcantonio, Maverick, Schwellenbach, Minton, Guffey Starred; Williams Won't Use Youth Program Funds For Military Drilling.

Washington—The 1935 session of Congress made history in many respects. One of its unique characteristics was that highest personal honors were carried off by a group of newcomers.

Titular Democratic floor leaders—with two exceptions—proved weak, incompetent and unfitted for their responsibilities. In contrast a little band of rookies displayed high qualities of enlightened statesmanship, staunch fighting ability and outstanding parliamentary skill.

The general soggy and mediocrity of the Democratic floor leadership is unparalleled in recent congressional records. In the House, for example, there occurred repeatedly the astounding spectacle of Democratic floor leaders openly waging war on legislative policies of the Democratic President.

Not even in his weakest days did Republican floor leaders flaunt Hoover in such a manner.

LEADERS?

Heading the list for all-around inadequacy was:

Speaker Joe Byrns, amiable, gangling glad-hander, personally popular with the rank and file but utterly without the capacity to lead or dominate.

As a result, there was no coherence or discipline in the overwhelming Democratic majority. Committee chairmen ran their own show in their own way, making it necessary for the White House to deal with each one individually instead of the Speaker holding the reins.

In an effort to camouflage his lack of control, Byrns held daily

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Alleghany County.

Under and by virtue of an order and judgment of the Superior Court of Alleghany County made in the special proceedings entitled, "W. B. Reeves, Adm., of D. R. Watson, vs. Jettie Watson, et al." I the undersigned Commissioner will on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 1935**, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the Court-house in Sparta, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following tracts of real estate, to-wit:

FIRST TRACT, Containing 13 acres, more or less, bounded by the lands of Lundy Nichols, G. G. Nichols, Click & Hubard estate and others, and known as the D. R. Watson tract.

SECOND TRACT, a one-sixth undivided interest in a tract of land known as the Rena Watson land, bounded by the lands of Dr. J. L. Doughton, Jupollo Power Company, Hardin Bell and others.

THIRD TRACT: Containing 29 acres, adjoining Little River, the S. A. Crouse land, Jettie Watson and others, BEGINNING at a stake the S. A. Crouse corner, running North 78 1/2 East 55 poles to a white oak by a gate, Crouse & Lyon corner; South 55 East 18 poles to a stake; South 34 East 13 poles to a stake; South 20 West 10 poles to a stake; South 43 1/2 West 12 poles to a stake; South 13 West 14 poles to Little River; South 31 West 29 poles to a stake; South 15 West 18 poles to a stake; North 71 1/2 West 30 1/2 poles to a stake; South 43 West 22 poles to a stake; North 10 West 75 1/2 poles to the beginning. This tract of land is subject to the dower interest of Jettie Watson.

FOURTH TRACT: Containing 27 acres, adjoining Little River, Glenn Nichols and others, BEGINNING on a stake S. A. Crouse corner, running North 63 East 38 1/2 poles to a stake; North 70 East 36 poles to a stake; North 10 West 13 poles to a stake; North 41 1/2 West 24 poles to a small branch; North 48 1/2 West 20 poles to a stake; North 5 West 7 poles to a stake; North 70 1/2 West 12 poles to a stake; North 84 West 14 poles to a stake; North 51 West 10 poles to a stake; South 43 West 22 poles to a stake; North 10 West 75 1/2 poles to the beginning. This tract of land is subject to a homestead interest of the minor children of Jettie Watson.

This August 7, 1935.
R. F. CROUSE
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press conferences during which he cracked about pending matters. Most of the time he either was wrong or voiced sentiments directly opposite to those favored by the President.

The two creditable exceptions among Democratic chiefs were:

Joe Robinson, majority floor leader of the Senate, who despite secret qualms about many New Deal policies, supported the President loyally and energetically.

The session added greatly to Joe's repute and stature. He held his hair-trigger temper in check. He never wined at hostile press comment. He labored untiringly and patiently to keep his unruly command in line.

That the Senate, contrary to pre-session expectations, cooperated more or less cordially with the President is due in very large measure to the skill and leadership of burly Joe Robinson.

Alben Barkley, assistant floor leader, who up to this session was considered a run-of-mine politician, but surprised his colleagues with the brilliance of his generalship. Barkley not only put the ubiquitous Huey Long in his place, but dared what no other Senator would do—went out of his way to provoke the Kingfish, then slapped him back into his corner.

In handling delicate parliamentary situations, Barkley proved himself a fast-thinking, fast-acting maneuverer, more than once rescuing the Administration from a set-back.

HOUSE STARS

The most striking personalities among Congressional newcomers were in the House, in which a Texan of old American stock and a New Yorker of immigrant Italian parentage took the lead. They were:

Vito Marcantonio, a 33-year-old Republican who holds the seat once filled by his close friend, Mayor LaGuardia of New York. "Mare" is a hard-hitting, hard-fighting left-wing liberal, differing from all the other liberals in Congress in that his basic economic orientation is industrial and not agricultural. His courageous outspokenness was discomfiting to the leaders of his own party as well as to the Democrats.

Maury Maverick, Democrat, grandson of a founder of the Texan Republic and of a Confederate general from Virginia. Maverick came out of the World War with two distinctions, a near-court martial for denouncing the conscription act while defending a Mexican who had dodged registration (and a decoration for heroic action under fire. His great passion is freedom of speech, press and assembly. He has been the leader of the House forces that have fought off numerous attempts to curb these fundamental rights.

Edward C. Moran, Jr., Maine Democrat and overseas war veteran; E. C. Eicher, Iowa Democrat; D. J. Driscoll, Pennsylvania Democrat; and Walter Chandler, Tennessee Democrat, who while less colorful than their two younger colleagues, proved to be Congressmen of high ability and intellectual stature.

SENATE ACES

The rookie stars of the Senate did not appear in the headlines until mid-season. Their first front-page performance was taking the measure of Huey Long in his ill-fated one-man filibuster. With this as a starter, they have been hitting on all cylinders ever since.

Louis B. Schwellenbach is a bespeckled, quiet-spoken Democrat from the State of Washington, whose manner and appearance

LOYALTY

Two well-dressed ladies stood at the foot of the Capitol steps, Senate wing, and gazed enviously at the lean, resplendent limousine of Vice President Jack Garner.

"Gracious," said one, "what a beautiful car for such an ugly old man!"

The Vice Presidential chauffeur, overhearing the remark, sat up, retorted:

"Madame, Mr. Garner's character is just as beautiful as this car."

YOUTH PROGRAM

Aubrey Williams, dynamic head of the National Youth Administration, is rapidly shaping plans for spending his \$50,000,000 for the youth of the nation.

"I'm going to use part of the money," says Williams, "in buying leadership—leaders to get the work started; then let the committee carry on. We'll let the communities shape their own program."

"But there's one thing that's out. There'll be no regimentation. No drill. I saw too much of that in France. I know there's nothing but a lie in this idea of keeping peace by preparing for war."

"If that's what they want, somebody else will have to run this show."

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Supreme Court Justice George Sutherland is returning from his 24th voyage to Europe. He was born in Buckinghamshire, England. . . No off-color dialogue will be permitted in the plays presented by Relief actors for Relief audiences under the new PWA program. . . Rex Tugwell's Resettlement Administration is paying \$1,603.50 a month rent for the use as an office of the famous McLean mansion at 2020 Massachusetts Avenue. Even so, other RA offices are scattered through five Government buildings. . . The District of Columbia stands third in the number of motor vehicles proportionate to the population. First two states are Nevada and California. . . When the Supreme Court comes to rest in its palatial new building in October, it will end 145 years of wandering. Organized in 1790, it sat first in the Royal Exchange Building at the foot of Broad Street in New York. . . Washington's National Symphony Orchestra was led recently by a guest conductor only 20 years old, Richard Horner Bales, of Alexandria, Va. . . Senator McAdoo's two former law partners are well fixed in the New Deal. John Dickinson, now Assistant Attorney General, draws a salary of \$9,000 and J. F. O'Connor is Comptroller General of the Currency at \$5,000 and a member of the Federal Reserve Board at \$7,000. . . Jellyfish made it hot for workers in a Government building recently. Floating idly through a broken water filter from the Potomac, they got lodged in the pipes of an air-conditioning system, put it out of order.

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hells the iron underneath. It was Schwellenbach who led the attack that silenced Huey. It was his questioning of Associated Gas and Electric officials that disclosed it had spent close to \$800,000 in lobbying against the Holding Company Bill. He also showed that H. C. Hopson had drawn out more than \$2,000,000 in personal profits at a time when A. G. & E. had not paid dividends for several years.

Sherman Minton, is heavy set, dark complexioned, an Indiana Democrat, whose experience as State Public Counselor has made him one of the most effective members of the Senate lobby committee. An overseas veteran and Legionnaire, Minton refused to be stamped on the bonus issue.

Joseph F. Guffey, veteran boss of Pennsylvania Democracy, is personally conservative but voted liberal with the President on every issue. Joe made Senate history merely by being elected. He is the first Pennsylvania Democrat to enter the Senate in decades, and followed this up by introducing a bill to place the coal industry under Federal control which proved to be one of the most revolutionary and bitterly contested issues of the session.

For this book Will wrote, as an introduction, a letter to Russell—and in it gave something of his idea of the other world to which his vacation trip to Alaska took him most unexpectedly the other day. It illustrates well both the humor and the sentiment which characterized the man.

"There ain't much news here to tell you," Will wrote to his deceased friend. "You know the Big Boss Gent sent a hand over and got you so quick Charley. But I guess He needed a good man pretty bad. I hear they been working short handed over there pretty much all the time, I guess its hard for Him to get hold of good men, they are just getting scarce everywhere. . . I bet you hand't been up there three days until you had out your old pencil and was a drawing something funny about some of their old punchers. . . I bet you Mark Twain and old Bill Nye and Whitcomb Riley and a whole bunch of those old joshers was just a waiting for you to pop in with all the latest

What Will Expected To Find "Over There"

Letter He Wrote To A Deceased Friend Has Poignant Interest Now

ones. What kind of a bird is Washington and Jefferson? I bet they are regular fellows when you meet em ain't they? Most big men are.

"I would like to see the bunch that is gathered around you the first time you tell the one about putting the limburger cheese in the old nestors whiskers. Don't tell that, Charley, until you get Lincoln around you, he would love that. I bet you and him kinder throw in together when you get well acquainted, darn it when I get to thinking about all them top hands up there if I could just hold a horse wrangling job with em, I wouldnt mind following that wagon myself. . . "You will run onto me old dad up there Charley, for he was a real cowhand and I bet he is running a wagon, and you will

POP INTO SOME WELL KEPT RANCH

house over under some cool shady trees and you will be asked to have dinner, and it will be the best one you ever had in your life, well, when you are a thanking the women folks, you just tell the sweet looking little old lady that you know her boy back on an outfit you used to rep for, and tell the daughters that you know their brother, and if you see a cute little rascal running around there kiss him for me. Well cant write you any more

CHARLEY DAM PAPERS ALL WET, IT MUST BE RAINING IN THIS OLD BUNK HOUSE.

"Of course we are all just hanging on here as long as we can. I don't know why we hate to go, we know its better there. Maby its because we haven't done anything that will live after we are gone.

"From your old friend,
 "WILL."

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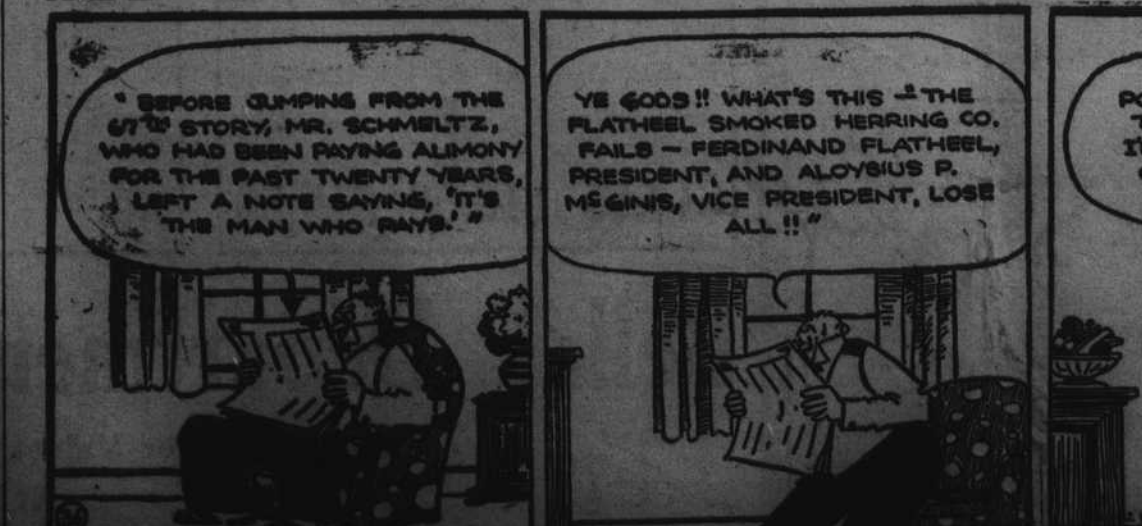
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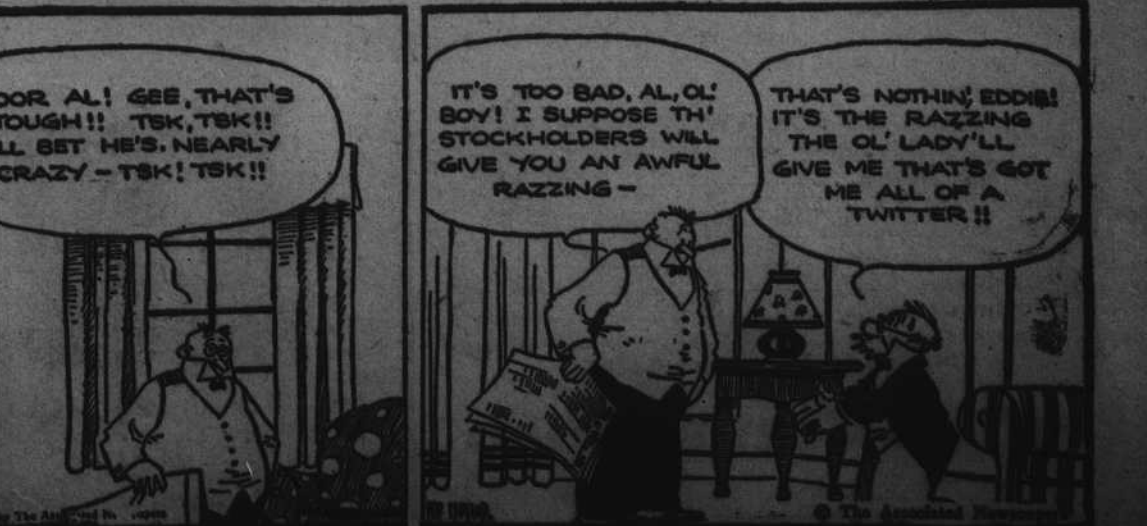
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