

A DEPLORABLE TANGLE
MUCH DISCUSSION
ISSUES CAUSE DIVISION
CAN CONGRESS PERFORM?
PEACE GROUPS ACTIVE
BRAZIL'S NEW FORM
JAPAN IN THE EAST

For the twenty-fourth time in the history of the United States Congress met in special session last week and, as the week closed the impression prevailed that the legislative situation is in a deplorable tangle, with so many divergent views and conflicting interests to be reconciled that the two houses now seem destined to spend considerable time in what the public will consider useless and needless debate.

The congressmen called back to Washington to resume reconsideration of business left unfinished when they went home in August find themselves faced with a business situation that worries them to say the least. They are also expected to legislate on wages and hours, the farm problem, governmental reorganization and regional planning. Moreover, the controversial anti-lynching bill, passed by the House, is before the Senate where prolonged discussion is certain. In addition to the four general measures referred to, the President has asked for action on the anti-trust laws, now antiquated, and legislation to support privately financed housing construction.

There is plenty of fight involved in each of these proposals. Action upon these four items before the Christmas holidays is highly improbable. Congressmen are certain to spend much time in discussing steps to be taken in view of the business recession with serious efforts to curtail expenditures, balance the budget and modify the tax laws inevitable. The newly enacted levy on undistributed corporate earnings is under strenuous attack with several key-men advocating immediate modification.

In all this welter of conflicting opinions, chiefly characterized by opposition to suggested proposals there is the prospect of an almost fruitless session. Consider, for example, the farm bill. Congressmen from agricultural areas are almost a unit in demanding relief for the farmer but, apparently, without the ability to agree upon the measures to be adopted. Some of them hesitate to accept a mandatory form of crop control in order to assure success of the ever-normal granary program which will add greatly to the annual cost of farm relief. Many of these same congressmen are for tax revision and a balanced budget. They know that new expenditures must be covered by new revenue and the problem is how to harmonize the conflicting purposes. Passage of the Wages and Hours Bill, many believe, means increased living costs and might adversely affect business and industrial activity. This would also affect the farm bill because the price of farm products depends upon the purchasing power of workers.

The net result of such a situation will be the disparagement of democratic processes, the disillusionment and disappointment of the people generally, and, quite likely, a determination to secure positive results in the future through whatever means may be necessary. It is out of such legislative jumbles that peoples consider a relinquishment of their ordinary processes of government and turn toward a heavily reinforced authority which, at least in appearance, it is to be hoped by all adherents of the American system of government that Congress will, somehow, extricate itself from the confusion and find the unity of decision necessary if adequate legislation is to result.

Another foreign-affairs issue arises in connection with the coup effected by President Getulio Vargas in Brazil where, it seems he has practically strangled democratic processes. The establishment of a corporate state in South America emphasizes the possibility of Fascist interference on that continent and the possibility of an extension of the Old World line-up into this hemisphere. With the German-Italian-Japanese Accord recently concluded, there is apprehension that some government on this side of the Atlantic may, in return for expected favors, align itself with the anti-Communist bloc. The official attitude of the United States will be a "hands-off" policy as a part of the Good Neighbor role, in accordance with the agreement adopted at the Buenos Aires conference. Nevertheless, the United States is anxious to preserve and strengthen democratic forms of government in the Americas. It is not expected, however, that any action would be taken under the

"TB" Christmas Seals Distributed For Sale In N. C.

Nearly 13,000,000 To Be Put On Sale Throughout State; Everyone To Have Opportunity To Buy

Winston-Salem, Nov. 25.—Nearly 13,000,000 Christmas seals have been distributed in North Carolina and will be placed on sale tomorrow, Dr. R. L. Carlton, managing director of the North Carolina Tuberculosis association, said today. "This is nearly three million more than were sent out last year," he said, "but we have good reason to believe that folks will buy generously in this sale." More than 1,000,000 of these seals are offered to Winston-Salem citizens. Six thousand letters carrying a few sheets of seals have already been mailed out. Special committees are making personal solicitations. "Everyone will have an opportunity to participate in this worthwhile movement; everyone should buy liberally—Christmas seals are a protection to all of us," Dr. Carlton said. Ten thousand posters of various sizes will be on display to remind the public of the opportunity it has to contribute to the fight against tuberculosis through the purchase of seals. "The Town Crier, whose picture appears on this year's seal, urges that folks use Christmas seals on all letters, circulars, bills, checks and packages from Thanksgiving until Christmas, because each seal carries a message of cheer to those thousands of North Carolina folks who are suffering from tuberculosis and brings to all the hope that the disease will some day be eradicated," Dr. Carlton declared.

Baptist W. M. U. Holds Nov. Meet At Edwards Home

The November meeting of the Baptist W. M. U. was held at the home of Mrs. W. B. Reeves, at Whitehead, with Mrs. Bert Edwards and Mrs. Voscoe Edwards joint hostesses with Mrs. Reeves. With the president, Mrs. W. B. Estep, presiding, an interesting program was presented on Syria and Armenia. Those participating in the program were Mrs. Ruth Haekler, Mrs. Amos Wagoner, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Clea Choate, Mrs. George Crutchfield, Mrs. C. A. Reeves, Mrs. Bain Doughton and Mrs. R. L. Dickerson, Misses Carolyn Maxwell and Edna Walls sang a duet, with Mrs. Duke Bledsoe at the piano. The president Mrs. Estep, gave an inspiring talk on "The Standard of Excellence." During the social hour delicious pumpkin tarts, with whipped cream, fruit cake and apple cider, were served thirty-five guests. The hostesses were assisted in serving by Mrs. T. L. Grayson and Miss Charlie Dale Taylor. Visitors were: Mrs. W. C. Fields, Mrs. Cam Fields of Mouth of Wilson, Miss Maude Watson, Mrs. Fox, Miss Jennie Watson, Mrs. F. W. Cheek, Mrs. L. V. Joines, Mrs. Jones Waddell, of Scottville; Mrs. B. Rector, Mrs. Graham Myers and Mrs. Will Pugh.

Sheriff Irwin And Deputy Destroy Illicit "Still"

Sheriff Walter M. Irwin and Deputy Sheriff S. J. Spurlin destroyed two illicit stills in the vicinity of Blevins Cross Roads Tuesday. One "still" had been abandoned, while the other, which had a capacity of 50 gallons, was going at full blast, with the liquor beginning to run. The officers poured out one thousand gallons of mash. Two parties were recognized by the officers, but no arrests have been made yet. Monroe Doctrine if some American country should adhere to the anti-Communist pact, but a different situation would present itself if Germany and Italy should attempt to colonize or control a country in this hemisphere.

Baptist W. M. U. To Observe Week Of Prayer For Missions

The Baptist Woman's Missionary union plans to observe the Week of Prayer for World Wide Missions from November 29 to December 3 inclusive. The meetings will be held at two o'clock, on Monday with Mrs. Amos Wagoner; on Tuesday, with Mrs. C. A. Reeves; on Wednesday, with Mrs. C. A. Miles; on Thursday, with Mrs. W. B. Reeves. On Friday, at 2:30 o'clock the meeting will be held at the Baptist church. A program will be given, followed by a playlet "Encircling the World with Prayer." The pastors and ladies of all the Baptist churches of the county are given a special invitation to be present.

Nation Renders Thanks Today For Year's Blessings

Washington, Nov. 25 (Thursday).—Washington heard thanks for peace mingled with regret over the business slump and hopes of curing it as officials headed by President Roosevelt halted work for the day. The House held a 16-minute session, the first on Thanksgiving in many years. The president, spending his first Thanksgiving in the White House because of indisposition resulting from an infected tooth, presided at a family dinner which followed in pattern thousands over the country: turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Thousands attended church services, which included at the National Cathedral the reading of George Washington's first Thanksgiving proclamation. Church services and quiet family reunions marked the day in Plymouth, Mass., birthplace of the holiday. Westward across the nation business and industry were stilled, as by families and in groups, people gave thanks in traditional fashion. In many Eastern cities, particularly New York, costumed children made rounds of various neighborhoods, singing songs and seeking "something for Thanksgiving." The Duke and Duchess of Windsor attended Thanksgiving services at an American church in Paris as guests of U. S. Ambassador William C. Bullitt. They heard the pastor suggest it was particularly appropriate for the Windsors to attend because "the first Americans to celebrate Thanksgiving were English."

Major Portion Of 4-Point Program Seems Doomed

Washington, Nov. 25 (Thursday).—As Congress neared the end of the second of its five-week special session, with the "do-nothing" record established earlier this year still intact, the major portion of President Roosevelt's four-point legislative program appeared doomed tonight. A farm relief bill is expected to be the only one of the measures placed by Mr. Roosevelt before the extraordinary session for quick action, to be enacted before the regular meeting in January. The wages-hours bill is snaggled in the House rules committee; the government reorganization measure is caught in a Senate legislative jam and drastic changes are to be made in the national resources planning bill before it is submitted to either house. The Senate enjoyed a holiday today. It will meet at 11 a. m. tomorrow, an hour earlier than usual to expedite debate on the "crazy quilt" farm bill. The House met and adjourned in 20 minutes after steam-rolling a one-man filibuster by Representative Ralph E. Church (R.), Ill., who, believing that Congress was called into special session to work, has consistently opposed leadership plans for long adjournments. Despite Church's ef-

Identical Twins



"The pictures of health," above, are identical twins, and on November 4, 1937, Father Time clicked off his first marker against their threescore years and ten. Yes, it was the first birthday anniversary of Angella Gentry and Rita Garland Myers, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Myers, Jr., of Sparta. They weigh the same, are the same height, have brown eyes and fair complexions to go with their blond hair, but even their father can't tell one from t'other. They are the great-granddaughters of Ex-Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. R. A. Doughton, Sparta.

Roosevelt Administration "Cracks Down" On Wall Street Exchange

Washington, Nov. 23.—Serving an ultimatum that the Stock Exchange must recognize or be regulated much more drastically, the Roosevelt administration "cracked down" on Wall street tonight. "Adequate safeguards" must be thrown about this and other exchanges, either by the marts themselves or the Securities Commission, said William O. Douglas, chairman of the commission. The surprise move recalled that Wall streeters and new dealers have been hurling recriminations, blaming each other in part for the present business recession. Some administration advisers have accused Wall street of "leaning on its shovel," while their critics have blamed restrictions imposed by the government. President Roosevelt conferred with President Wendell L. Willkie, of Commonwealth and Southern Corporation, and reported progress toward an understanding which if reached might end the feud between private power and government, and embark the companies on a vast construction program. Mr. Roosevelt announced that Willkie personally sided with the President in the latter's contention that utility rates should be based on common law (prudent investment) theories of valuation, rather than reproduction or original cost.

Methodist W. M. S. Holds Meeting At Castevens Home

The Women's Missionary society of the Methodist church held its regular monthly meeting on Friday afternoon, November 19, at the home of Mrs. Charles Castevens, with Mrs. J. T. Inskip associate hostess. Following the discussion of plans for various activities during the business meeting, the officers of the organization were reelected. Mrs. J. T. Inskip will serve again as president, Mrs. R. H. Haekler as vice president, Mrs. R. E. Black as secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Jay Hardin as corresponding secretary. Mrs. T. J. Carson as leader, introduced the subject of the month, "Missions Promote World Peace." Others discussing topics were Mrs. Jay Hardin, Mrs. Purvis Lee, Mrs. Mema Phipps and Mrs. Robert M. Gambill. The hostesses served a delicious salad course, angel food cake, mints and coffee.

forts the lower chamber quit until Monday when it will begin consideration of a farm bill. The agricultural measure tops the administration's legislative slate. Crowding it for first place is the wages-hours bill which is being kept off the House floor by a handful of rebellious Southwesterners. Foes of the bill say the administration is bringing intense pressure upon Democrats to sign a petition which would discharge the rules committee from consideration of the measure and automatically place it before the chamber for a vote.

Scott Seeks To Succeed Gwyn In Solicitorship

Danbury, Nov. 24.—Ralph J. Scott, Danbury attorney, yesterday announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for solicitor of the twenty-first judicial district. One of the Democratic leaders in Stokes county, Scott was a member of the House of Representatives from Stokes in the 1937 General Assembly. He is attorney for Stokes county. Scott is the third candidate for the solicitorship now held by Allen H. Gwyn, of Reidsville.

Governor Hoey, Of N. C., Speaks At Church Meet

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 20.—As he stood in the pulpit of Edenton street Methodist church, Raleigh, Friday night, before ministers and delegates attending the annual session of the North Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Governor Clyde Roark Hoey could well have been taken for a minister of the gospel. Governor Hoey told the delegates and ministers that "the church has created the ideals for the civilization of this day and furnished militant leadership for the cause of righteousness among all classes." Edenton Street church was packed to the very balconies when the man in frock coat stepped to the pulpit to deliver the principal talk at the anniversary board of lay activity. There was a smile on his face and the red rose in his coat lapel was fresh. His almost white hair swept back from his forehead. "The church," said Governor Hoey, "is the one institution dedicated wholly to the task of extending the Kingdom of God on earth. It has a glorious history. With all of its imperfections and shortcomings common to our humanity it has consistently lifted high the standards of living and challenged the forces of evil." North Carolina's chief executive has forever been one of the most ardent Methodists in the state. He taught a Sunday school class in his home town of Shelby for years without missing a Sunday until he was elected governor. The governor pointed out that the church "impresses upon us" the stewardship of life.

N. C. Citizens Observe Holiday; Mishaps Occur

Public offices and many business establishments in North Carolina closed today (Thursday) in observance of Thanksgiving. For many the day marked the beginning of the hunting season, and thousands took to the fields and woods in search of game. For others, football games were the big attractions. Large crowds witnessed the North Carolina-Virginia Davidson-Wake Forest and North State Conference games which, for the most part, brought down the curtain on the 1937 gridiron campaigns. George R. Allen, 24, U. S. army private stationed at Fort Bragg, was found dead in his wrecked car near Fayetteville early today. Joe Harrison, 60, a Buncombe county farmer, was hit by an automobile and fatally injured. Larry Smith, 38, office manager of a supply house, was killed in a collision near Kinston. On a hunting trip near Wilson, 15-year-old Lee Nichols shot a rabbit with his double-barreled shotgun. His dog bagged the animal and refused to let go. Robert swung the gun to frighten the dog away and the weapon went off, the full load striking the boy. Coroner V. C. Martin reported the death was accidental. During a hunting trip in Harnett county the barrel of Alexander F. Wicker's shotgun burst, mangle his arm. Complications set in and he died in a Fayetteville hospital. Wicker, 42, was a well known Harnett county (Turn to page eight)

Carolina Wins Football Game From Va. 40 To 0

Assemblage Of 14,000 At Annual Turkey Day Classic In Keman Stadium At The U. Of N. C.

Keman Stadium, Chapel Hill, Nov. 25.—The University of North Carolina Tar Heels beat the Virginia Cavaliers by the resounding score of 40 to 0 here today. And the only reason they didn't beat them more was because officials wouldn't let them. Wielding a rule book that says "thou shalt not," the referee gained more yards against the powerful Carolina first, second and third teams than the entire Virginia eleven could do with their best hipper-dipper attack. Carolina lost 115 yards via penalties while Virginia's net gain rushing was zero and passing was 50 yards. Although the first team played less than half the time, the rampant Wolfmen scored generously in every quarter. They actually crossed the goal line eight times but two of their touchdowns were nullified by penalties. A Thanksgiving crowd of 14,000 spectators sat calmly through the 42nd renewal of the South's oldest continuous rivalry, watching a parade of Carolina's reserves down to the last scrawny scrub. The reserves, described all season as "mighty weak," looked like mighty warriors against the papier machine defense offered by the Cavaliers.

Roosevelt Plans Housing Message To Congress

Washington, Nov. 25.—The Roosevelt administration is staking its hopes for a quick business recovery on further peace negotiations with private power companies and a private housing drive to be outlined by the chief executive in a special session of Congress Monday. Well informed persons predicted today that the president, or officials close to him, would carry on the conciliatory talks with utilities which already have produced virtual assurance of \$112,000,000 of new construction. They said the objective would be the same as in the president's recent conferences with two utilities chieftains—to assure the power companies that government competition would be limited to present proportions if they would start deferred construction and change their method of valuing properties for rate-making purposes. Reports circulated in the capital that Frank R. McNinch, government power expert, or Joseph P. Kennedy, business man-chairman of the maritime commission, might be designated to represent Mr. Roosevelt in some of the coming conferences with additional power executives. The chief executive will be away from the capital next week on a fishing vacation in Florida waters.

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Thirty-three years ago, the sale of Christmas Seals in Denmark, netted only a few hundred dollars. This year proceeds will probably run into record figures. All money derived from sale of seals goes toward elimination of the "white plague," tuberculosis. Universally endorsed, the campaign is launched each year the day after Thanksgiving. Above is reproduced Seal for Season of 1937-38.