

**WASHINGTON NOTES**

**PROFITS.**

Alleging collusion on the part of three shipbuilding companies Chairman Gerald P. Nye, of the Senate Munitions committee, said they made 34 per cent profit on the 1927 cruiser building program.

**MELLON'S MONEY**

The wealth of Andrew W. Mellon in 1931 when he was Secretary of the Treasury, exceeded \$200,000,000, according to the testimony of his secretary before the Board of Tax Appeals.

**TO CHARITY**

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt earned \$36,000 through radio talks from May 14 and Dec. 31, 1934. The money was paid to a philanthropic society.

**DEFICIT**

As March opened the government was \$2,249,923,235 in the red with four months more to go on the present fiscal year.

**ARMED JAPS.**

Roy W. Knabenshue, veteran balloonist, told a House committee that there are 500,000 armed Japanese in the country and Hawaii. Pressed he admitted he had never seen one armed but that the information was given him by "friends."

**ESTIMATE**

Work relief, at the "prevailing wage rate," would cost eight billion dollars a year of 3,500,000 workers were employed, according to the National Industrial Conference Board, an organization supported by large corporations.

**DRIVE FOR FUNDS**

Anxious to clear up the party deficit of around \$500,000 the Democrats are about to stage a quiet campaign under the direction of W. Forbes Morgan, of New York. Most of the huge deficit is an inheritance from the Roosevelt regime and the campaign of 1928.

**HURLEY'S ADVICE**

Patrick J. Hurley, Secretary of War in the Hoover Administration urges Republicans to adopt a middle ground course and to reject any alliance with either extremist faction of the Democratic group.

**COUGHLIN'S ATTACK**

The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, radio priest, recently assailed the administration, saying the cards had been marked for "high finance" and "big business." This caused no reaction in the capitol although his allegation that the "masses" have not received a new deal through recent legislation met agreement in some quarters.

**LITTLE PROGRESS**

Last week Congress, for the most part, continued to idle along without important results, although certain committees made some progress on measures which will soon be taken up.

**DEMOCRATIC BLOC**

Democrats to the number of about 100, said to be "dissatisfied" and organized as a unit keep their plans from the party's regular leaders. They want more patronage, action on the bonus and other measures not on the administration program.

**VIGOROUS**

The vigorous attack upon Senator Long and Father Coughlin by Gen. Hugh Johnson in New York last week attracted much attention at the capitol. It was undoubtedly the worst word-scorching ever given the gentlemen.

**WILLIAMS QUILTS**

Under attack by organized Labor S. Clay Williams, chairman of the National Recovery Board, resigned last week. It is said he wished to testify before the Congressional committee as a private citizen rather than as an official of the government in the NRA inquiry.

**HOLMES' DEATH**

The death of Oliver Wendell Holmes, nearly 94 years of age, brought sadness to the capitol, where the jurist enjoyed the respect of almost all who know him. He was twice wounded in the Civil War but lived to serve his country on the Supreme Court for more than a score of years. He was classed as a Liberal.

**SAYS THE COURT**

When the Supreme Court, in a recent case involving a railroad, wrote in its opinion that changing economic conditions must be taken into consideration by courts, it gave some encouragement to the New Dealers, whose legislation must be passed on by the Court.

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