

Letter From Washington

By Harris Ellsworth

Things have quieted down here since the excitement of veto messages on the labor and the tax bill. Committees are working feverishly to get up and report high priority pieces of legislation. My own committee will report the alien property bill designed to give aid to those who suffered property loss or personal injury while in the Japanese on the home islands. We expect all reports to be ready by the end of the first week in July.

Members of congress were disappointed by the president's veto message on the bill. The disappointment was not because the president vetoed the bill—that was expected—but because the message disapproved and condemned a section of it, and apparently set up a bill of particulars in destroying the effectiveness of the law. Many members with whom I have conferred believe the president's veto message constituted instructions to administrative officials to guide them in interpreting the law in an unfavorable manner as possible.

"Lily Blossom Time"

Words & melody by Mrs. Nellie E. Parker

Arrangement by Mrs. Norine Harvey

When it's Lily Blossom Time in Oregon,
Where the fields are snowy white,
And the perfume rare—fills the sun-lit air
Everything is quite all right.

Where the ocean blue, greets the lily's hue,
Then the whole world is in rhyme;
For, it's Lily Blossom Time in Oregon,
It's Lily Blossom Time.

Congress devoted a great deal of time to the preparation and consideration of the labor bill. I have studied it very carefully and am convinced that it is not a vicious anti-labor law as advertised by its opponents, but is a reasonable, sound and workable piece of legislation. There may be some defects in it, and some amendments to it may be necessary. Our system of representative government is successful for the reason that laws can always be changed and improved when necessary. Four out of five of the members of congress, both house and senate, approved the bill, which fact, I think, indicates that it was a pretty good bill. However, the labor bill is now the law of the land. The national interest will be served best by a spirit of co-operation on the part of all concerned toward making it work successfully.

My attention has been called to the fact that only a few more

than half of the veterans of world war 2, who are eligible to receive terminal leave pay, have made application or it. The law provides that applications must be made before Sept. 1, 1947—only about 60 days from now. I suggest this information be passed along to all veterans, urging them to make their applications immediately. It is predicted that terminal leave pay bonds will fairly soon be paid in cash. Legislation to accomplish this is now pending, and from the talk I hear among members of congress, this bill will probably pass.

Robert Todd Lincoln died on July 26, 1926. On July 26 of this year, 21 years after his death, three safes in the library of congress will be opened and information made available to the public. A man by the name of Horace G. Young, of Albany, New York, and Dr. Butler of Columbia University, in visiting with Robert Lincoln in the early '20s, begged him not to destroy these papers, which he was planning to burn. For some reason, Robert Lincoln did not want the papers made public during his lifetime. At his request and direction, the papers were delivered to the library of congress and the safes were to be held unopened until 21 years after his death. Students of the life of Lincoln do not believe that all this will bring to light many startling new facts about the civil war president. They do contend that it will give much new information on interpreting the events of the civil war period and concerning the personalities of Lincoln's time.

It's Lily Blossom Time In Brookings

It's lily blossom time in Brookings,

Our little town at the edge of the sea,

Where you overlook the ocean,
With it's foaming revelry.

Here is where sweet lassies meet you,

And with lily blossoms greet you,
Passing forth the snow-white lilies,

With such scented fragrance grew.

White patches to the right,
And white patches to your left,
As you sail along the highway in your car,

You can see the lily blossoms near and far.

Little did Father Croft know,
When his mind vexed him so,
Pollonizing and improving the lily strain.

How qualified his name would be,
After his soul went out to sea.

Yes! in remembrance of his talent
We commemorate this Memorial day

As his handprints on the lilies,
Marked forever on a golden tray.

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Advertising done by the booth at the Rose Festival, Portland, recently by the chamber of commerce, bore fruit Saturday when

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