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## EDITORIALS

### TWO CONGRESSMEN FROM EACH DISTRICT

Royal C. Johnson, congressman from South Dakota, whose district was wiped out by the South Dakota legislature, announces that with the end of his present term, his ninth, he will retire from public life and return to the practice of law.  
 In making this announcement, Mr. Johnson took occasion to say that he thought it would be a good thing to have two congressmen from each district, one to attend to the legitimate constitutional duties in congress and the other to attend to the social and private duties which his constituents force upon him. As it is, he said a congressman is worn out by duties that he should not have put upon him. He is robbed time that he should devote to legislation, and he has to turn his attention promptly upon election to arranging for the next election, if he wants a second term.  
 All this is true, not only in the case of Mr. Johnson but in that of all the other congressmen. Yet, they seem to like being congressmen. It is mighty hard to get an old timer to step aside for a new man. The incumbent fights harder for re-election than he did the first time he ran for the post. They always complain of their constituents but never did a constituent call upon his congressman to do something for him but the member dropped everything else to oblige him. And there is hardly a member of the House of Representatives who will shirk his regular congressional duties to take part in some social affair. They are much like our presidents. Never have we had one but he complained of the onerous burdens of the office. But not one of them resigned. Not one man has refused the office. Not one of them has objected to a second term.

### BEER AND EMPLOYMENT

Since the move to permit manufacture and sale of beer has been under consideration as an economic measure many and widely variant sets of figures have been cited to show what revival of this industry would or would not do for unemployment or jacked up to support partisan arguments of Drys and Wets.

The following figures, taken directly from the records of the Union of Brewery and Soft Drink Workers, show clearly the comparative state of the industry in 1919 and 1931. In 1919, 75,000 brewers, bottlers, drivers were engaged directly in the manufacture and delivery of the beverage. They drew an aggregate weekly wage of \$2,910,880, a total yearly wage of \$151,267,760. These records do not include auxiliary workers, such as firemen, coal handlers and others engaged in maintenance of plants and equipment, or clerical forces.

Today the industry employs 8,720 men, who draw an aggregate weekly wage of \$388,200. The prohibition of beer has thrown out of work approximately 20,000 brewers, 20,000 bottlers and 25,000 drivers. There has been little corresponding increase in the men employed or wages paid by soft drink manufacturers.

The General Secretary of the Brewery Workers' Union, Joseph Obergfell, estimates that more men would be employed in the brewing industry, if revived, that was the case in 1919. Then most of the product was delivered in bulk, and comparatively little in bottles. Without the saloon most of the delivery would be in bottles and made to private homes. The bottling and the man man det. The bottling process requires many more men than bulk handling. It is believed that if 80 per cent of the product were bottled, nearly 100,000 bottles alone would be required, and the industry would employ, in manufacture and delivery, approximately 150,000 men earning an aggregate annual wage of \$215,929,520.

Restoration of the brewery industry would mean the

manufacture of bottles, boxes, cartons, cooperage, would increase the consumption and transportation of coal and put large shipments in commerce. If developed on the former scale it would provide an outlet for some \$0,000,000 bushels annually.  
 No sensible person claims that the revival of the brewing industry will wave the country magically back to prosperity. Nor can any other single line of trade. But in these times any line of business that promises to create additional wealth deserves thoughtful consideration.

### OUR GENEROUS GOVERNMENT

The Atlantic Monthly publishes some interesting facts and figures that should enlist the attention of people both in and out of congress. According to the article, each United States senator has an allowance of \$10,200 a year for clerk hire, each representative \$5,000. Committee chairmen get more.  
 The author cites a list—admittedly not complete—of 24 senators and 129 representatives whose clerks bear similar names. He states that some of them have more than one clerk whose name fits. The article makes no effort to specify all the possible cases of in-laws-kin, immediate and collateral, consanguinity to the nth degree—but it names some names. Indeed, the writer intimates that some of the patriotic representatives have relatives on the payroll who have other connection with their "jobs" than the extraction of their salaries from the public treasury. He goes even further than that, repeating the charge that members of congress have on government pay minor children going to school and asserts that some thrifty legislators mule the wages of clerks who are not members of the family.  
 No one would imagine that all members of congress are engaged in this dubious practice, but it is fair to assume that the writer was well satisfied with his data in this connection. A reasonable deduction—granting that what the writer says may be in part true—would appear to be that such disciples of nepotism should now step forward and, as gracefully as may be, cut their own pay and the pay of their uncles, their cousins, aunts, nieces, nephews, etc., in these perilous times, in the interest of devotion to the welfare of the taxpayers of the country.

### A BRILLIANT STATESMAN GONE

Dwight W. Morrow was one of the most brilliant men in the public life of this nation. His sudden death has cut short a career that promised many years more of high usefulness to his country. Since 1927, when he left law and finance behind him and entered the public service, he was catapulted into prominence, not by any trick of chance, but because he brought to diplomacy and politics qualities of the highest order.  
 Dwight W. Morrow was lawyer, financier, diplomat, statesman. In each realm of endeavor he succeeded remarkably. To a penetrating mind were added a gracious personality and a disciplined, cultivated understanding. A decade in the practice of law and thirteen years more as a Morgan partner gave him an extraordinary "apprenticeship" which made him peculiarly useful to the government.

### FEDERAL AID ALONE

The way of economic recuperation will appear long to many. But a full recovery must and will be made. The days of anxiety, fear and suspense will pass, as they always have done.

In this respect it is well to consider what the Federal government alone has accomplished and expects to accomplish before the middle of 1932. The government construction plan to reduce unemployment will have reached by the end of this fiscal year the great sum of \$1,615,481,900. Of this \$452,301,000 was expended in the calendar year 1930. The estimate for the calendar year 1931 is fixed at \$787,587,000 while the expenditures set for the first six months of 1932 are put at \$373,593,000. It is expected that the expenditures of the second six months of 1932 will reach a total of \$746,186,000.

Leaving out drought relief, the total expenditures to relieve unemployment will reach on next June \$1,550,000,000.

The improvement of public lands, the construction of public buildings, construction work by engineers of the army, repairs and maintenance, public roads, etc., may not interest the walkers of the streets who are hungry for work, but they should. His own place as a cog in the social machinery will be assured. Business begins business. Employment encourages more employment.

The above figures represent only the efforts in a legitimate way of the Federal government. Added to this activity must be the infinite efforts of states and cities. The com-

bined result is nothing less than colossal.

The return of good times, of rational prosperity, may appear to be long but they will come. The world economic depression is more artificial than real though it must appear to be real enough to men and women out of work. The situation will be cured, and sooner than some may think.

In New York state one woman in every four now works for wages.

One of the suburbs of Pittsburgh Pa., has a fire department entirely "manned" by women.

Silk has become so cheap in Osaka, Japan, that young women of the factories and even of the peasant class now wear silk garments every day in the week. It is almost as cheap as cotton.

Census figures show there are fewer women than men in America. Another ruling minority.

Gandhi decided to leave his goats at home, but expects to make a few out of British statesmen.

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Bonds, securities, etc.	74,771.18
Banking house \$2,900.00, furniture and fixtures \$2,154.30	5,054.30
Real estate owned other than banking house	2,103.25
Cash, due from banks and cash items	35,344.82
Total	\$229,865.43

  

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus	4,030.00
Undivided profits—net	1,427.25
Reserves	1,000.00
Demand deposits	104,226.72
Time Certificates	34,563.96
Savings deposits	59,148.49
Total	\$229,865.43

State of Oregon, County of Jackson, ss.  
 I, L. ALVIN TOLLEFSON, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. ALVIN TOLLEFSON, Cashier.  
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 W. J. FREEMAN,  
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