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EDITORIALS

THE POLITICAL SITUATION

Not since that dramatic day in March, 1933, when President Roosevelt, having taken his oath of office, issued the Bank Holiday proclamation as the first act of his administration, has the New Deal been in so difficult a position as it is now. And never, politically speaking, has New Deal power and prestige been at so low an ebb.

That, at least, is the opinion of practically all newspapermen and publicists, including those who support the Roosevelt Administration as well as those who oppose it. The President personally may still hold a high place in the esteem of the people. But some of the most important of the "reforms" and "experiments" which he fathered have fallen on extremely evil days.

In the words of Time, the President has recently taken "a series of blows such as no President of the U. S. ever suffered and survived." First blow was the strong congressional fight against renewing his powers over money. The President side-stepped this, and won the round by a narrow margin. Then came the neutrality battle, and the definite refusal of the Senate to give him the free hand in foreign policy which he and Secretary Hull thought necessary. Never did a President fight harder to gain what he wished. But, as Vice-President Garner is reported to have told his chief, the votes simply couldn't be mustered.

Congress was not yet through

THE ADVENTURES OF OZZIE



with its undeclared war on the White House. The Administration's \$4,000,000,000 "self-liquidating" lending and spending program was a mere shadow of itself after it had run the gamut of congressional resolutions and amendments. The foreign credit proposal was deleted. A clause was inserted barring loans for projects competing with private business. Proposed appropriations were cut all along the line. Even the words "Self Liquidating" were removed, by Committee demand, from the bill's title.

Worst blow of all, perhaps, from the political point of view, came with the passage of the Hatch bill. Introduced last session by Senator Hatch, the measure had been buried in Committee. This session Representative Dempsey went to work and forced it out into the open. Gist of the bill is to make it illegal for any federal office-holders, with certain exceptions such as the President, his aides, cabinet members, etc., to use their job influence to raise money or to influence votes. It is obvious what this means to any federal political machine. It means that political control will largely depart from Washington, to become centered in state capitals and other local subdivisions. It means that comparatively few federal jobholders will be delegates to the next Democratic nominating convention, where close to half were at the last convention. It means that the Presidents direct power over the Democratic party has been greatly reduced.

And even this wasn't all. Immensely important New Deal creation is the National Labor Relations Board. And the House voted, by an almost two-to-one majority, to investigate it to discover whether it has unduly favored workers over employers, has exceeded its lawful powers, and has favored the CIO over the AF of L.

This isn't all there is to Congress' revolt against the New Deal, but it touches the high spots. Of immense importance is the fact that the opposition comes principally from within the party. The Democrats are literally torn asunder. Leadership, especially in the Senate, has largely collapsed, and party discipline is almost non-existent. Party

whips have given up, discouraged, during recent weeks when trying to get "the boys" into line.

On the Republican side of the fence, the votes, of course, have been cast against the New Deal. But the Republicans have rarely taken the offensive in fighting proposed legislation. Instead, they have followed the plan laid down by canny Majority Leader McNary of Oregon, and let the dissenting Democrats make the nose and carry the burden of the fight. That plan was much opposed by some Republicans at one time, and Senator McNary had a hard time keeping his men under control. But he did, and the wisdom of his plan, in the view of hardened political observers, has been proven. New Dealers cannot say their program was sabotaged by the opposition party, as they could have if Republicans had been in the first line trenches during the fight.

CLIMAX NEWS

Mrs. K. H. Compton of East St. Louis, Illinois left Sunday after spending several days as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wertz while attending to property interests in this community. She planned to visit the San Francisco Exposition at Treasure Island, enroute to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Winningham and children and Milroy Charley shopped in Medford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Helt of Sams Valley visited friends briefly here Sunday.

Those attending a birthday party Sunday at the L. H. Wertz home honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kinney and Roberta Wertz were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurst, Carl Hanson of Central Point, Marie Hill of Ashland, Charles and Jeanette Kinney, Norma Jean Wertz, the hosts Mr. and Mrs. Wertz and the honor guests, Mr. and Mrs. Kinney and Roberta Wertz.

Thrown For A Loss

at the Frank Hurst home Monday and Tuesday. Phil Wertz and Bob Frederick called at Crystal Springs ranch Sunday.

WRESTLING NEWS

Cowboy Dude Chick defeated Marshall Carter in the main event armory grappling match last Monday night but he didn't do it with his famous lariat spin. He did it with a simple body press while sitting on Carter's chest, and there are many clients who feel that the big cowboy was aided no end by a very quick count. Carter thinks so, himself, and even went so far as to protest to Referee Earl Yoakley. It resulted in the victory for Cowboy as each has won one fall apiece. In the middle event Sgt. Bob Kenaston took only a round to thoroughly drub Joe Smolinski and finished him for the evening.

Toots Estes took a two-out-of-three falls from Tony Morelli in the opener.

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