

Washington Digest National Topics Interpreted by William Bruckart

Washington. — I suppose most members of congress will deny it, but there certainly is every evidence of an agreement, an understanding, to let President Roosevelt's radical court reform legislation stew until the country is heard from.

The facts I have mentioned in the above paragraph explain largely why there are so many senators and house members who remain non-committal on the issue.

In the meantime, the debate rages. Out and out supporters of President Roosevelt, the kind of men who follow him blindly because he is their leader, and the extreme opposition type who are against the President regardless of his position are battling for public attention.

In the meantime, as well, there are proposals and counter-proposals seeking a compromise. Few of them have any definite merit.

There has been only one plan for giving the federal government more power that can possibly be described as sound. That is the original proposition by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the Democratic leader of the senate, who announced early in the session of congress that he favored an amendment to the Constitution.

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President Roosevelt moved quickly, and I believe sincerely, in proposing the NRA and the farm relief plan under the agricultural adjustment administration.

ministration. I refer to the so-called Walsh-Healey law. In order to refresh memories, let me explain that the Walsh-Healey law prohibits the federal government from buying products of mills or factories, or any fruit of labor, unless the supplying contractor has complied with the same minimum hours and wages that were a part of the old NRA codes.

When the Walsh-Healey law was passed, there were comments heard in several quarters that the time would come when the government itself would regret the legislation. That time has arrived. Everyone is aware, of course, that Great Britain has started on a naval building program under which it will expend approximately seven and a half billion dollars in the next five years.

To build up the navy requires vast amounts of steel and other products of industry. Much of the naval building will be done in the navy's own yards.

Unable to Get Steel The reason for this condition is that the Walsh-Healey law, with its prescription on minimum hours of labor and wages would place a burden on industry that it cannot bear and return its cost of production.

Right now, the Navy department is trying to find a way to get around the provisions of the Walsh-Healey law. President Roosevelt has said nothing publicly concerning his attitude but there are many who believe he himself feels the law is not working out the way it was intended.

It is quite a distance, of course, from the Walsh-Healey law to the present controversy under Mr. Roosevelt's plan to pack the Supreme court with six new judges if one stops his examination of the two questions at the surface. It is not difficult, however, to see a direct connection. The Walsh-Healey law was driven through congress in haste. The bad effects of it are coming now two years after its enactment.

Through many years and in every year there has been constant criticism of congress for delay in reaching conclusions. It is fortunate, in my opinion, that these delays constitute a part of our governmental system. They allow time for cooling off.

I think it will be generally agreed that every time legislation is rushed through congress ahead of or as part of an emotional wave among citizens, there has invariably resulted unworkable, if not entirely unsound, statutes. Such is bound to be the result when men and women fail to think things through—when they fail to examine all of the phases of any problem.

What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

Streamlined Grandmothers. SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—All along I've been wondering what has vanished from the city landscape. I'd grown reconciled to service stations where blacksmith shops used to be and a beauty parlor where once the lively stable spread its fascinating perfumes.



Irvin S. Cobb

We don't so much mind the young girl who has gone prematurely old—we're accustomed to her—but the old woman who has gone prematurely young, so young that she seems to be advertising the approach of second childhood by dressing to match it—well, that's different.

Penalties of Old Age. IF, MENTALLY or physically, or both, a man of seventy has so slowed down he no longer can function usefully, what are we going to do about Secretary of State Hull and Secretary Roper, and Senator Glass and Senator Norris, and both California's senators, and a sizable proportion of the outstanding membership of either branch of congress?

Going still further back, one gets to thinking, among others of Henry Clay and Ben Franklin and Gladstone and Bismarck and Victor Hugo and Alexander Humboldt.

Open Season on Bears. NEW BRUNSWICK is granting free licenses for sportsmen to kill bears this spring. I regard this as an error. It reduces bears, which are picturesque features of forest life, and increases amateur gunners barging through the wilderness plugging away at every living object they see, including guides.

Tyranny of the Soviets. SEEPING through the Soviet embargo on free speech and free press and even free thought, stories came out that the five-year plan shows signs of utter collapse and also that, in their striving for absolute despotism, Stalin and his—for the moment—intimate lieutenants are preparing to "liquidate" by execution or remove by a wholesale campaign of exile all such of their recent ruthless associates as might, through private ambitions, stand in the way of this latest desperate tyranny.

Women's New Freedom. EVEN in olden days, before they broke loose, women envied us every masculine perk we had, except the moustache cup and possibly chewing tobacco. Since emancipation, seems like they've taken over practically everything we ever had.

The Man of Wisdom. He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has.—Epictetus. Thoughts of Good People. The thoughts of some people live so near to God, that to ask them to think of us is to ask them to pray for us.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for March 7 LIFE HERE AND HEREAFTER THROUGH CHRIST

LESSON TEXT—John 14:1-15. GOLDEN TEXT—I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6. PRIMARY TOPIC—In the Heavenly Father's House.

It was the night before the darkest day in the world's history. On the morrow the Son of man was to hang on Calvary's tree for the sins of the world—for your sins, and for mine. But for the moment he was alone with his disciples. The last Passover had been eaten together, the betrayer had been discovered, and the Lord had told them that he was soon to go where they could not follow.

His comfort is one which covers the future life, for he says: "I go to prepare a place" (v.2). Concern about future destiny is settled at once when Christ Jesus becomes our Lord and Saviour.

II. Assurance (vv. 4-11). The doctrine of Christian assurance is one of vital importance, and should be taught in all its scriptural power and beauty. Unfortunately it has so suffered violence at the hands of some of its friends that others have not only come to fear it, but even openly to oppose it.

III. Power (vv. 12-15). His followers are not left in a world of sin and need as a little group of hymn-singing weaklings, thinking only of the day when they shall be in a brighter land. Ah, yes, they sing hymns and rejoice in them; they look for a better land; their weapons of warfare are not carnal—but weaklings? Oh, no! God uses them to do great and mighty things for his glory.

3. "If ye ask . . . I will do" (v. 14). Someone has called this a signed blank check on all the resources of God. Faith fills it in, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Moody knew how to use it. So did Mueller, Livingstone, J. Hudson Taylor—the list might go on indefinitely. Shall we dare to trust God and add our name as one of those who ask in faith?

Chief End of Education. Manhood, not scholarship, is the first aim of education.—E. T. Seton.

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS Items of Interest to the Housewife

A tablespoonful of vinegar will soften glue that has become hardened in a bottle. A pinch of alum added to the water when washing blue or green articles of clothing will prevent the colors from running. Two or three slices of bacon placed on top of a liver loaf during baking adds to the flavor.

Never fasten suspenders below the reinforced hems of stockings. Wash stockings with lukewarm lather and squeeze out gently—they'll ladder if they are wrung.

Advertisement for O-Cedar mop and polish. Includes image of a woman cleaning and text: 'MY O-CEDAR MOP KEEPS MY FLOORS CLEAN AND POLISHED BEAUTIFULLY, AND I INSIST ON O-CEDAR POLISH, TOO. I COULDN'T KEEP HOUSE WITHOUT THEM.'

Advertisement for Smith Brothers Menthol Cough Drops. Includes images of the product and text: 'When your throat feels scratchy and hot, a Smith Brothers Menthol Cough Drop cools and soothes, checks the irritation. 5¢. Smith Bros. Cough Drops are the only drops containing VITAMIN A'

Sometimes It's Pleasure In combining business with pleasure, one or the other suffers. Essence of Genius Genius does its best. The essence of genius is not to shirk.

Advertisement for B. T. Babbitt's 4-piece silver set. Includes image of a silver set and text: 'PLEASE ACCEPT THIS Magnificent 4-PIECE SILVER SET for only 25c complete with your purchase of one can of B. T. Babbitt's Nationally Known Brand of Lye'

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