

Washington. - I suppose most members of congress will deny it, but there certainly Political is-every evidence Dynamite of an agreement,

an understanding, to let President Roosevelt's radical court reform legislation stew until the country is heard from. There is no doubt in my mind nor in the minds of other observers here that representatives and senators are anxiously awaiting word from their constituents because if any issue ever was loaded with political dynamite, the plan to pack the Supreme court of the United States with six additional judges surely contains highly explosive elements.

The facts I have mentioned in the above paragraph explain largely why there are so many senators and house members who remain noncommittal on the issue. They want to know which way to jump. Actually, I believe as many as half of them are going to try to determine which band wagon they ought to ride-whether they ought to go against the President or for him. In other words, the spot they are now on is not nearly so hot as the one upon which they may find themselves if they guess wrong at this time. No politician will ever jump from the frying pan into the fire knowingly.

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. The radio is being used to an extent as great, if not greater, than occurred in the last campaign. Those who are committed for or against the President's reform proposition are anxious to sustain their positions and the remainder of the national legislature is egging on the more bold members in order that those who have not made up their minds can take advantage of word from back home.

In the meantime, as well, there are proposals and counter-proposals seeking a compromise. Few of them have any definite merit. Most of them, I believe, are purely and solely representative of floundering Their sponsors entertain minds. hopes that somehow, somewhere they will gain a streak of light that will guide them through to a proper answer politically.

There has been only one plan for giving the federal government more power that can possibly be de-scribed 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. While Senator Robinson did not then say so, nor has he said so since, the truth is that he and many others would like to see the people of the country have an opportunity to pass upon any program that would change the country's judiciary. The President regards this method as too slow. He thinks that any changes which he desires ought to be made at once and holds that the tremendous majority by which he was re-elected gives him authority to do so. Yet, as the picture now stands, there is every prospect of considerable delay and from the way I analyze the circumstances, delay will provide the vast majority of voters with an opportunity for determination of the question which is vital in this case: Does the country want to keep an independent system of courts or does it want to establish a precedent by which this administration or any other administration can influence those courts to do the bidding of the nation's Chief Executive?

Through many years and in every year there has been constant criticism of congress Safety vs. for delay in reaching conclusions. It

Speed 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 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.

President Roosevelt moved quickly, and I believe sincerely, in proposing the NRA and the farm relief plan under the agricultural adjustment administration. Yet, neither of these reform measures stood the test of workability; neither had been drafted upon a proper knowledge of the ends they were to serve and neither did justice to all of the people. It was only natural, therefore, that they should fall by the way-

These two laws are cited because they are the outstanding examples of emotional legislation. There are many others, most of them not as But lately one offshoot of the NRA has arisen to plague the administration. 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. Unless the contractor agrees to produce the material which the federal government is buying in accordance with those terms, his bid must be rejected under the law.

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. American policy always has called for matching the British navy ship by ship. Fifteen years ago when the Harding disarmament program was written into treaty form, we destroyed ships so that our tonnage was the same as that of Great Britain. Now, with the world in a turmoil, with Great Britain announcing an unprecedented building program in order to protect its vast colonies and dominion from aggression, the need arises for a building up of our navy again. At least that is Mr. Roosevelt's view and he has wide support for it.

To build up the navy requires vast amounts of steel and other products of industry. Much Unable to of the naval build-ing will be done in Get Steel

the navy's own yards. Thus, it has come to pass that the navy has been unable to obtain steel and other equipment since the manufacturers of the needed equipment are not willing to subject themselves to the terms of the Walsh-Healey law. In some instances where the navy has sought to buy material, the manufacturers have refused even to make an offer or state a price at which they would sell the required material and there is a very real possibility that unless the Walsh-Healey law is repealed or dodged, our navy build-ing program may have to come to a

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. The government, as a buyer, is a tough customer in any event. Its specifications are always more difficult than is the practice in industry. Add to that, then, the requirement that men may work only 30 hours a week and that their pay shall not be reduced from the rate of their compensation when they were working 40 hours a week and you have burdened any manufacturing establishment with a load that will break

its back. 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 di-rect connection. The Walsh-Healey law was driven through congress in haste. The bad effects of it are coming now two years after its enactment. If the Supreme court reform proposal is driven through as quickly and with as little examination as the Walsh-Healey law, we will reap the reward sooner or later and probably for many years to

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"Gnu" of Hottentot Origin

The name "gnu" is of Hottentot origin, and was in use by natives when white settlers first went to South Africa. The name "wildebeest" is a Dutch word meaning wild ox, and probably originated on account of the animal's habit of prancing and capering in antics suggesting those of a bull enraged by toreadors in a Spanish arena. It is said that the Boers, in early days, found that a red cloth excited these antelopes and was frequently used in hunting them. In addition to the white-tailed gnu, there is a species known as the brindled gnu or blue wildebeest, which is abundant in East-central Africa. have disproportionately large heads which give them a grotesque appearance. They have maned necks and distinctive tufts of hair on their faces. The bulls stand about four feet tall at the shoulders. The general color of the white-tailed species is a deep brown. Their horns are formidable weapons and under certain conditions the animals are dangerous.

Thinks about

Streamlined Grandmothers. CANTA 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 livery stable spread its fascinating perfumes. So it couldn't be All of a sudden

dawned on me. Since coming here I've seen mighty few 1912 - model grandmothers barring in the movies, and then, with the exception of dear May Robson, they had to wear

Irvin S. Cobb

makeup. 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.

So now I know what I miss. It's the old-fashioned lady who was neither streamlined nor a four-col-

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 member-

ship of either branch of congress? And, to avoid cluttering up the words, so to speak, what disposition should have been made, at seventy, of Thomas A. Edison and John D. Rockefeller, Sr., and Henry Ford and Queen Victoria and Cardinal Gibbons and Von Hindenburg and Clemenceau and Professor Eliot and Carrie Chapman Catt and Mark Twain and Elihu Root and Melville W. Fuller, just to mention a few names that come to mind?

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.

EW 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. A green-horn might miss a sitting union depot-probably would-but he garners him a guide nearly every time. On all counts, the black bear should have game protection. For every shoat he steals, he eats thrice his weight in grubs and ants and bugs; and he's a fine scavenger, for likes his dead meat high. If he were a veteran member of a Maryland Duck club, he couldn't like it any higher.

Even so, he has been preved on until, in parts of our north woods, he's practically extinct. Yet, next to Vermont Democrat, he's probably the most inoffensive mammal found in New England.

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 hisfor 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.

Of course, we hear all sorts of tales about the real inside of the Russian situation, some inspired by hostile prejudice and some by sympathetic partisans.

Women's New Freedom.

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

The bars are crowded with women, and the smoking rooms and the barber shops and the gambling clubs and the prize-fights and the wrestling matches and the political caucuses. If it weren't for them, the race-tracks and the night spots would languish and the cocktail mixers might get an occasional rest. Maybe, as a distinguished scientist now arises to proclaim, they could have excelled us in our then exclusive fields, only before this they didn't get a chance to prove it.
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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL CUNDAY OCHOOL 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.

JUNIOR TOPIC — Many Mansions.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC hy We Need Christ Always. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC-

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 has told them that he was soon to go where they could not follow. Peter had, by his bold self-assurance, brought forth the prophecy of his denial. The disciples were disturbed. Then came from the Saviour the words of comfort, assurance, and power which have been the strength and solace of his people through all the centuries. Our life both here and hereafter is in His mighty hands.

I. Comfort (vv. 1-3). Troubled hearts are everywherein the palace and in the cottage, on land and sea. There is a place of rest, thank God! There is One who still speaks the majestic words, not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in

His comfort is one which covers

the future life, for he says: 1. "I go to prepare a place" (v.2). Concern about future destiny is settled at once when Christ Jesus becomes our Lord and Saviour. We need worry no longer. He has gone on before to the Father's house to prepare a place for his own. When we come to that ever-peaceful shore we shall not come as strangers, but as sons and daughters to a prepared place in our Father's house

2. "I will come again" (v.3) is the word that gives present meaning to the future promise. He not only prepares the place, but he it is who brings us there. The glorious hope of his coming again is the Christian's greatest comfort and mightiest incentive to useful, holy

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. This is most regrettable, for it is manifest that until one has assurance he will make but little progress in Christian usefulness.

The believers assurance rests fundamentally on Christ himself. Two grounds are given in the text. "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (v. 6). These words are their own best commentary. Read them again, slowly, weighing the meaning of each word. If we are in him who is the way, how safe we are! If we are not in him? Read his own solemn words in verse 6, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me." (v. 11).

In Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead. He is not only a supernatural being, he is God. How can anyone deny that and read his words in these verses? To do so is to make Jesus a liar and blasphemer.

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 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.

1. "He that believeth" (v. 12). This army of God carries the royal banner of faith.

2. "Greater works . . . shall he do" (v. 12). Jesus only began his work on earth. Its greatest development was to be the joyous privilege of his followers.

3. "If ye ask . . . I will do" (v. 14). Someone has called this a signed blank check on all the re-. . I will do" sources 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 indefi-nitely. Shall we dare to trust God and add our name as one of those who ask in faith?

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

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.

has.-Epictetus.

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

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

M Items of Interest to the Housewife A

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.

Don't use any kind of artificial heat for drying stockings. Hang by the toes in an airy place to dry and don't fold away damp.

The stock left from cooked spinach makes a valuable addition to vegetable soup.

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Press woolens the right side up with a woolen pressing cloth. Apply moisture to muslin cloth on top of wool and press with hot iron.

Oatmeal on a dampened cloth is excellent for cleaning white paint.

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