

A prediction made by Vice President Garner a couple of months ago has come true today. (The much-debated Hatch bill ^{now} is the law of the land.) President Roosevelt settled all doubts about it. With evident misgivings he signed that new statute. And political observers in Washington declare that it will ~~simply~~ revolutionize many features of national politics, ^{such as} ~~it will certainly revolutionize~~ the national conventions of the big parties. ^{For instance (it} prohibits all Federal employees from taking part in politics; all except a mere fistful of the top officers) such as Cabinet members and the highest ranks of the appointees who have to be confirmed by the Senate.

The effect of that clause upon conventions is ~~quite~~ obvious. A majority of the delegates at conventions are office-holders, U. S. marshalls, deputy marshalls, postmasters, United States Attorneys and their assistants, ^{and} a whole raft of lesser officials. Hitherto it has been upon the strength of such as these that the party in power has retained control, at ~~least~~ least control of the conventions.

TP ~~It has been pointed out~~ ^{It is believed by some} that the Hatch bill will almost entirely strip Postmaster General Farley and President Roosevelt of their control of the Democratic National Convention next year. Indeed it has been ~~rudely and loudly~~ said that this was the principal reason

for Vice President Garner's affection for the Hatch bill.

~~of course~~ There are many other revolutionary features,
too numerous to consider now in detail.

President Roosevelt in approving the bill said that it had
provoked hundreds of questions and more would undoubtedly arise.

As a consequence he is
~~he said that he was consequently~~ asking the Attorney General to

take all necessary steps, through the new Civil Liberties Unit of

the Department of Justice, to protect the civil rights of every

Government employee and to remove from them the element of fear.

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He added that he considered this Hatch bill at least a step in the
right direction.

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CONGRESS

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The Congress of the United States now has the bit in its teeth. *It appears that* No amount of pulling on the reins *by* of either the President or his Lieutenants can stop the lawmakers. The defeat administered to the White House yesterday was followed up *by more of the same* today. The House threw another of the President's pet measures into the ashcan, the eight hundred million dollar housing program. ~~In fact, it was the New Deal leaders in the House who took the initiative.~~ *this time* The announcement that the housing bill had been thrown overboard came from Illinois Representative Sabath, Chairman of the Rules Committee. He didn't announce any reason ~~for~~ for the act. But it was generally admitted on the hill that the Democratic chiefs did it because the housing program was sure to be killed by the same coalition of Republicans and economy minded Democrats who put the *reverse shids under* ~~lid~~ on the lending program yesterday.

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The Committee pared that down to fifty-three millions. He had requested a hundred and nineteen millions for the ~~Commodity~~ Commodity Credit Corporation. This the Committee dropped altogether. He had asked for two million dollars for the wages and hours administration. That was chipped away.

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Sabath of Illinois declared that the killing of the pending bill yesterday "forces President Roosevelt to become a candidate for a third term", ~~and he added "that the forces of reaction are drunk with power."~~ On the other hand, Senator Austin of Vermont, acting leader of the Republicans, vowed that the latest actions by Congress were the greatest encouragement that business men have had in years.

All this makes it likely that Congress will adjourn after all on Saturday night, and the lawmakers will go home for the job known as "mending political fences."

JAPAN

(There's a story in Tokyo today that the Japanese
xxx Government is going to recall its ambassador from Washington.
It is not, however, intended as an aggressive move. At least that's
the story. The idea is that Ambassador Horinouchi ^{going} should ~~go~~ home
^{to} explain to the Mikado and his Ministers just why we are breaking
off that commercial treaty.)

~~At the same time~~ Our Charge d'Affaires, ^{at} ~~in charge of~~ the
American Embassy at Tokyo, ^{has just} made another complaint to the ^{Japanese} Foreign
Office. He protest^s against the treatment of American citizens, ^{both}
men and women, in China, by Japanese soldiers. The latest complaint
is that they forced an American woman to strip and be searched at
Tsing-Tao.

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And here's a bit of news affecting Japan from Canada. A
Canadian statesman thinks the Dominion should follow the example of
Uncle Sam and thus break off relations with Japan. This comes from
W. D. Herridge, who was once Canadian Minister to Washington and is
now leader of the new Democracy Party in Canada. Herridge says
there's no basis for friendly associations between the democracies
and the Fascism of Japan. And he adds: "The United States appears
to acknowledge that fact." So Herridge continues: "Canada should

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be equally candid in ~~duty~~ ^{^ ^} to Canadians themselves, to the Empire, and to" what he calls "'our good nieghbor,'" *meaning* Uncle Sam.

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The latest in European war preparations is that the already predominant British Navy is going to be increased by a hundred and eighty vessels, immediately. To be sure, a hundred and seven of them will be trawlers for mine sweeping and the catching of submarines. And fifty-six of ~~them~~ will be patrol boats of the whale-catcher type, big mine sweepers, boom defense vessels, and a cable ship. The British Admiralty makes no bones about the reason for this additional outburst of building. It's an answer to Hitler, to the increase in the number of submarines built by the Germans.

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~~Incidentally,~~  The First Lord is Earl Stanhope, ~~he~~ who ~~has~~ ~~got himself and the Chamberlain government into a jam on previous occasions by letting official cats out of the bags. It was he who let it be known that some months ago the government had asked the newspapers to lay off on a certain story. One rather wonders~~

~~whether this is another cat.~~ At any rate, he declares positively that naval officers feel that with this apparatus they can detect the presence of any submarine, and they can make sure of finding it.

~~Important, if true.~~

ENGLAND

The Right Honorable Winston Churchill delivered a broadside against Prime Minister Chamberlain and the House of Commons today. Chamberlain had moved that the House adjourn from August fourth to October Third. ^{It's} ~~That's~~ one of the oldest traditions of the House of Commons, that whatever happens, there must be no interference with the shooting season which begins August Twelfth. The famous Twelfth.

Chamberlain, in his arguing for his motion, announced that Great Britain is now ready for any emergency. That was what Winston Churchill objected to. He declared that the European situation is more serious today than even during the Czechoslovak crisis of Nineteen Thirty-Eight, the Munich business. Germany, he said, is massing men on the Polish frontier; Hitler now has two million men under arms with another half million due to be added to the Army this month. He said ~~for~~ further, there are five divisions in a mobilized condition around Breslau alone, and the roads of Poland through Czechoslovakia are being raised to top notch condition by Czechs whom the Germans have forced to labor on the highways. "I trust the good faith of Prime Minister Chamberlain"

said Churchill, "but there might be differences of judgment."

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~~But~~ Churchill and his party lost. ~~The session ended in~~

~~a victory for the Prime Minister, So after Friday, Parliament~~

will ~~stand~~ adjourned until October Third, *By* ~~and that means~~ a vote
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of confidence in the Chamberlain government ~~by a majority of two~~

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hundred and fifty to a hundred and thirty-two.

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good place for it, he tried to land on the beach, but at the low
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in Morocco.

CAGNA

A Peruvian aviator, ^{set forth} ~~Commander Pedro Cagna~~, started today

on an ambitious exploit. He took off from Rome, intending to fly all the way to Lima, the capital of his own country.

Unfortunately, he didn't get far. On the coast of Africa,

^{Commander Pedro Cagna} fifty-five miles south of Casablanca, ~~he~~ evidently had engine

trouble. He was seen from the ground circling around the air trying to find a landing spot in the desert. Not finding any

good place for it, he tried to land on the beach, ~~xx~~ As he lost

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AVIATION

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In the Oval Room ~~at~~ the White House, President

Roosevelt pressed on a telegraph key this morning. That key tapped off a signal to every air field in the nation and started a demonstration all over the country of the air power of your Uncle Sam. Every fighting plane that ~~we~~ ^{we} owns at that signal, leaped into the air. ~~It was the~~ ^{All this was in} celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the establishment of the Army Air Corps. Just

thirty years ago today, the United States government ~~brought~~ ^{bought} ~~brought~~

its first military airplane. ~~and fittingly, the principal~~

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- ^R The ^{today's} principal part of ~~the~~ celebration took place at Wright Field

~~at~~ Dayton, Ohio, ~~at~~ the place where a couple of bicycle repair-

^{the whole thing that has now} men started ~~what has~~ ^{grown} into the aviation industry, an ^{vast}

industry that ^{is} still growing by leaps and bounds. ^{TD} Thirty-

five thousand spectators ^{were} assembled at Wright Field ^{today} to watch

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the stunts of the army bombers.

Two new world's records ^{are} ~~were~~ announced, ~~today,~~ making

a total of six for this week. Major Caleb V. ~~Haynes~~ Haynes

of the General Headquarters Staff made a new speed record

with a super-fortress plane carrying six other officers and

men. With a load of four thousand, four hundred and nine pounds they flew three thousand a hundred and seven miles at an average speed of a hundred and sixty-six point two miles an hour.

And Captain C. S. Irvine and Captain Pearl Roby established an ~~at~~ altitude record flying up to thirty-three thousand, four hundred feet, carrying a pay load of eleven

thousand and twenty-three pounds. The previous record ^{was} ~~had been~~ ~~made by~~ ⁱⁿ German ^{y.} ~~aviators who got only up as far as thirty~~ ~~thousand, five hundred and fifty-one feet.~~

BRIDGES

The hearings over the proposal to deport Harry Bridges ^{took on added} ~~became~~ interesting today. The witness on the stand was Bridges himself. As ^{was} ~~might be~~ expected, he denied categorically that he is a Communist. Incidentally, he was summoned not by his own counsel but by the Government lawyer.

Bridges was asked whether he believed in the ^{existing} ~~capitalist~~ form of government, and he replied:- "I have no use for it." ~~and he explained, capital is a form of society which means exploitation of a lot of people.~~ Then the Government lawyer asked whether he believed in a Democratic form of government. To which Bridges replied:- "I most certainly do." ~~And he~~ also said ~~that~~ we should have a greater degree of government ownership under a democratic form of government ^{he added that} and the present policy of the United States ^{directing} Government is toward that end. He was asked whether he believes that Communism operates against the Government. And he replied, ~~the~~ ~~xxx~~ "No." He was asked whether he believed in Communist teachings, wholly or in part. He answered that he was not familiar with them, his hands are too full of practical matters, no time for theories.

⁶ ^{However he} ~~He also~~ said ~~that~~ there are many Communists in the Maritime Union. ^{He} ~~admitted that he has kidded a bit about being a~~

DAM

Out in Colorado, a monster water diversion project is to cost forty-four million dollars. One feature of this project is a four million dollar dam at Green Mountain. Three weeks ago, the American Federation of Labor called a strike on the ~~contractor~~ contractor. Negotiations to settle it didn't get ~~any~~ ^{far} to first base so the business men of the nearby Colorado towns got ~~their dander~~ ~~up~~. They decided to ~~bust the~~ ^{break the} strike, with the aid of their own ~~state~~. ~~At Kremmling~~, Eighteen miles southeast of the Green Mountain dam, they organized a caravan of fifty cars. ~~They were~~ Two hundred business men, ^{some} and they picked up sheriff's deputies, and more than a hundred workmen who did not want to strike.

Then they walked ^{right} through the picket line ^s of the American Federation of Labor; ^{whereupon} ~~like a horse jumping through a paper hoop~~. Then the men went back to work, defying five American Federation of Labor units who had wanted to establish a closed shop on the big Thompson project. ^{as now in} ~~and~~ The Sheriff of the County ~~then took~~ charge of the situation. ^{Says this Colorado sheriff!} ~~and declared~~ "From now on we're going to hold this camp."

RACKETS

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There's ~~going~~ to be a nationwide investigation into racketeering. It will be made by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in New York. This is ^{reported to be} an outcome of some of the activities of New York's ^{Asst. Atty. Dewey} racket-buster, Tom Dewey. ^{He} has been trying to get the New York Board of Estimate to increase the reward offered for a ^{fugitive} ~~gentleman~~ named Lepke, ~~a fugitive from justice~~ accused of being a dangerous mobster. At present there's a reward of five thousand dollars for Lepke, dead or alive. In spite of that, he has kept in hiding for two years. Dewey would like that reward ~~to be~~ increased to thirty thousand, ~~quite a price for one man's head.~~

(The State of California won a naval victory today.) It was not against an invading Japanese fleet, although most Californians consider the Men of Nippon their natural enemies.

(It was a victory over the gambling fleet which has been holding forth on the high seas of the Pacific twelve miles off shore, near Los Angeles.

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For months four vessels which had been turned into luxurious gambling casinos, successfully defied the law. Being anchored beyond the twelve mile limit, they thought they were out of reach of not only state but even Federal laws.) But the Attorney General of California defied the defiance of the gamblers. He procured a court order, organized a volunteer navy of a hundred and fifty deputies in motorboats, and swooped down upon the gambling fleet, ~~like John Paul Jones upon the British.~~ Three of ²~~these~~₁ floating casinos surrendered without a blow. (The California Attorney General's men boarded the ships, arrested the skippers, confiscated the strong boxes which held thousands of dollars, and, adding insult to injury, threw overboard into the deep blue Pacific all their expensive gambling paraphernalia.)

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But one ship held out, the flagship of the gambling fleet,

bearing the proud title of the "Rex". For several hours the Captain of the "Rex" and his crew stood off the forces of the law. They had nets to repel boarders just as in the days of the battle of the "Serapis" and the "Bonhomme Richard." They fired no deadly weapons,

^{but} they fought with strong streams of water from the ship's hose. ~~and~~

At last even the "Rex" surrendered. And six hundred more gamblers fell into the capacious hands of the law.

The Captain of the "Rex" surrendered under protest,

vowing he would cite the Attorney General for contempt to the Supreme Court of California. *And a-l-u-t-u-*

~~It so happens that the Court of Appeals has held that the authorities of the State and the County had no jurisdiction over those ships twelve miles out at sea. ~~Probably~~ we'll be hearing more about this.~~

There are plenty of beams and bolts in the Republican party, lots of argument in favor of this possible candidate or that one. But today's Taft letter is the first formal and public announcement... let us see the thing.

The hat was followed by a volley of hat shot fired by the Senator. He took a fling at his third term idea, saying President